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Matt Bonovich is a partner in the Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance Team and the Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental Practice Group in the firm's Chicago office.

Areas of Practice

Matt has been working on energy transactions for over a decade, with particular experience in renewables. During this time, he has negotiated all manner of project contracts, including M&A transactions, power purchase agreements, hedges, construction and procurement, interconnection and transmission and operations and maintenance. Recently, Matt has negotiated several turnkey build transfers.

Prior to returning to private practice, Matt served as Deputy General Counsel at Invenergy, where he was responsible for commercial transactions. His responsibilities included joint ventures, joint development arrangements, project acquisitions and dispositions, a variety of offtake arrangements, construction and procurement and all other commercial transactions integral to the full life span of the company's projects. In this role, Matt also managed the legal affairs of Invenergy's projects with various counterparties and stakeholders, guided regulatory matters for these projects, performed risk analysis and served on the company's risk management committee.

Matt is experienced in the full life cycle of energy projects, from inception through development, financing and construction to operation. He works with all types of energy technologies, including wind, solar, storage, transmission, natural gas, cogen, LNG and biomass. Matt is frequent speaker on a variety of renewable energy topics.

Honors

Recommended Lawyer - Renewable & Alternative Energy, *Legal 500 US*, 2019-2021

Articles

- Making sense of solar supply chain issues
PV Magazine, 03.16.2022

Energy Law Blog

- "Making Sense of the Solar Supply Chain Issues," March 8, 2022

- "A Clean Slate for Executive Order 13920: The Bulk Power Order," April 30, 2021
- "Securing the U.S. Bulk Power System: An Assessment of Executive Order 13920," May 12, 2020

Speaking Engagements

"Build-Transfer Agreements for Renewable Energy Projects: Deal Structures, Key Challenges and Risk Considerations," *Strafford Webinar*, May 16, 2019

"Renewable Energy M&A: Deal Structures, Key Issues, and Diligence Considerations When Buying and Selling Renewable Energy Projects," *Strafford Webinar*, April 10, 2018

"Structuring Solar Development Financing, Leasing and Operating Agreements for Commercial Properties," *Strafford Webinar*, January 25, 2018

Events

Renewable Energy M&A: Deal Structures, Key Issues, and Diligence Considerations
Avoiding Pitfalls in Buying and Selling Renewable Energy Projects
Strafford Webinar, 10.08.2019

Practices

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Real Estate and Land Use

Construction

Industries

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Education

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 2007

B.A., University of Southern California, 2003

Admissions

New York

Illinois

California