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OVERVIEW

John Crossley is a project development and transactional partner in, and co-lead of, the firm's Power practice group. John's practice focuses on developing, buying, and selling renewable energy projects throughout the United States, from site acquisition, to project and portfolio acquisitions and dispositions, as well as supporting tax equity and debt finance transactions. In addition to sponsor-side representation, John has worked with multiple tax equity investors and financing parties across the country to fund and finance wind, solar, battery energy storage, carbon sequestration, hydrogen, and other energy projects.

With over 20 years of experience, John has worked on billions of dollars of projects that produce tens of gigawatts of power. He knows and understands the issues that are important to energy clients. He also appreciates how massive an undertaking a new energy project can be, with an understanding of organizing site acquisition, local government interaction and permitting, and equipment procurement and construction. With that knowledge, John leads teams of talented, experienced attorneys who assist our firm's clients throughout the life-cycle of their projects.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, John was a partner for a large, U.S. firm, representing energy clients in complex transactions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The *Best Lawyers in America*®, Real Estate Law, 2015-2023
- Ingram's magazine 40 Under Forty, 2012
- *Chambers USA*, Real Estate Law, 2010-2013
- Missouri and Kansas Rising Stars, Real Estate, 2009
- Missouri Lawyers Weekly, “Up & Coming Lawyer,” 2011

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Brush Creek Community Partners, Board of Directors, 2008 – 2013
- Kansas City Mayor-Elect Sly James' transition team, 2011
- Kansas City Youth Hockey Association, 2010-present
- Carriage Club Board of Directors, 2017-2019

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Hydrogen Energy: Unique Considerations for Transaction Documents,” Renewable Energy Law Institute, 30 January 2024

EDUCATION

- J.D., Washington University School of Law, 1999 *(Journal of Urban & Contemporary Law, articles editor, 1997-1999)*
- B.A., Southern Illinois University, 1994
- M.A., Southern Illinois University, 1996

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Missouri

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 12 May 2023, Full of Hot Air? EPA Tries Again to Impose Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards on Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 24 May 2022, K&L Gates Adds Four-Partner, Multi-Office Premier Renewable Energy Team

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Power
- Construction and Infrastructure Project Funding

- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Energy Finance
- Energy Storage and Distributed Resources
- ESG - Sustainability and Renewable Energy
- Land Use, Planning, and Zoning
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Real Estate Development and Construction
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Power Generation and Transmission

EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Served as transactional counsel to Acciona in the acquisition of a portfolio of seven standalone battery energy storage systems in Texas.
- Served as transactional counsel to Greenbacker in the acquisition of a 58MW wind energy project in Maine.
- Served as transactional counsel to Greenbacker in the acquisition of a combined solar and storage project in Montana.
- Served as development counsel, borrower's counsel, and sponsor's counsel in the development, debt, and tax equity financing of the Deerfield 2 Wind Project in Michigan.
- Served as development counsel, borrower's counsel, and sponsor's counsel in the development, debt, and tax equity financing of the Sandy Ridge 2 Wind Project in Pennsylvania.
- Served as counsel to the lenders for a portfolio of standalone battery energy storage systems in Texas.
- Served as counsel to the tax equity investors and lenders in the portfolio financing of six solar projects in Virginia and Pennsylvania.
- Served as counsel to the lenders in the back-leverage financing of a portfolio of 11 solar projects in Virginia.

- Represented renewable energy developer/owner in its acquisition of the 369MW solar project under development in Illinois.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the approximately 150MW Dickerson Creek Solar Project under development in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the approximately 150MW Carvers Creek Solar Project then under development in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the 80MW Altavista Solar Project then under development in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 492MW Maverick Creek Wind Project in Texas.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 202MW Sugar Creek Wind Project in Illinois.
- Represented a utility company and its regulated electric utility subsidiary in the development, disposition, and build-transfer acquisition and tax equity structuring of the 300MW Kings Point and North Fork Ridge Wind Projects in Missouri.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of a development-stage wind project in Pennsylvania.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of a development-stage wind project in California.
- Represented Algonquin Power Co. in the tax equity financing of its 10MW Bakersfield II solar energy facility in California.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the Great Bay Solar Project then under development in Maryland.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 149MW Deerfield Wind Project in Michigan.
- Represented Algonquin Power Co. in the tax equity financing of its 20MW Bakersfield I solar energy facility in California.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 200MW Odell Wind Farm in Minnesota.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the US$149 million acquisition of a 109MW operating wind energy facility in Illinois that had been developed and constructed by the facility's turbine manufacturer.
- Represented renewable energy developer in the acquisition of the 150+ MW Route 66 construction-ready wind energy project in Texas.
- Represented NV Energy in a groundbreaking transaction with Apple Inc. for the partnered development between the utility and its customer for a 20 megawatt solar energy facility in Nevada.

- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, tax equity financing, and secured energy hedging transactions for a 400MW, three-project portfolio of wind power facilities in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Texas.
- Represented a utility company in its US$2.3 billion acquisition of a publicly traded, regulated, electric and gas public utility operating primarily in Missouri.
- Represented a renewable energy developer in the development and sale of the 137MW Grizzly Ridge Solar Project in Hamilton County, Texas.
- Represented a renewable energy developer in the development and sale of the 240MW Fort Bend Solar Project in Fort Bend County, Texas.
- Represented a renewable energy developer in the joint venture and development of a 500MW solar project constructed over a fishery in Taiwan.
- Represented a renewable energy and data center developer in the joint venture and funding of a hyperscale data center in Remington, Virginia.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the acquisition and construction of a portfolio of small solar projects in Arkansas.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a 20MW portfolio of small solar projects in Arkansas.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a portfolio of three solar projects in New York with public university off-takers.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a portfolio of eight solar projects in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a portfolio of fifteen solar projects in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- Represented a consortium of lenders with respect to the closing of a development-stage US$1.4 billion construction loan for a 999MW wind project in Oklahoma.
- Advised developers through development, construction, and operation of more than 10GW of renewable energy projects in 35 states.
- Advised owners through acquisition and financing of more than 50GW of renewable energy projects.
- Represented lenders and tax equity investors in real estate, permitting, and other state and local matters in 42 states.
- Represented a publicly traded REIT in the purchase of a subsea, midstream pipeline system, and related onshore facilities in Louisiana for US$245 million and a related leaseback transaction.