



## Michael J. Eason

### Counsel

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## OVERVIEW

Mike Eason is counsel in the Kansas City office and a member of the Power practice group. Mike focuses his practice on renewable energy transactions, including project acquisition, development and financing, as well as mergers and acquisitions in the energy and utility spaces.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Mike served as senior counsel with a national law firm, where he focused his practice on mergers and acquisitions, including cross-border acquisitions and joint venture transactions, in its energy and natural resources group. His previous experience includes in-house counsel roles in a telecommunications company and a regulated electric and gas utility company.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 1989
- B.A., Drake University, 1986

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Iowa
- Bar of Kansas
- Bar of Missouri

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Power
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance

- Energy Finance
- ESG - Sustainability and Renewable Energy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Renewables
- Water and Wastewater

## INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Power Generation and Transmission

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. on joint venture arrangements and tax equity financing for a 112 MW wind-powered electric generating project in the northern US.
- Advised Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. on joint venture arrangements and tax equity financing for a 88 MW wind-powered electric generating project in the eastern US.
- Advised Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. on joint venture arrangements for a 150 MW solar-powered electric generating project in the eastern US.
- Advised a London-based developer on the sale of two development-stage, solar-powered, electric generating projects totaling 568 MW in the western US.
- Advised a major independent power producer on restructuring of joint ownership arrangements for a 1,480 MW coal-fired electric generating project in the western US.
- Advised Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. on the formation of an international clean infrastructure development joint venture, and a related US\$953 million equity investment.
- Advised Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. on the unwind of an international joint venture.
- Advised Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. on the formation of a US clean infrastructure construction joint venture.
- Advised Liberty Utilities Co. on the US\$3.2 billion acquisition of US electric utility.
- Advised Liberty Utilities Co. on the US\$608 million acquisition of a US water utility.
- Advised Liberty Utilities Co. on approximately 30 small acquisitions in the US electric, gas, water, and wastewater utility industries.
- Negotiated a joint venture structure and related arrangements for the development and construction of a high-voltage transmission line in the western US.

- Negotiated contractual arrangements for utility-scale solar energy projects on federal and tribal lands in the western US.
- Advised on the sale of a NYSE-listed company in a cash-for-stock transaction valued at US\$10 billion.
- Managed legal services related to corporate and commercial transactions, energy supply and delivery, corporate governance, investor relations, and securities and capital markets activities of a US\$3 billion electric and gas utility.
- Advised a leading biorefining company on a strategic US\$250 million acquisition of a large food-grade industrial vinegar manufacturer.
- Advised a leading biorefining company on a strategic US\$350 million divestiture.
- Advised a leading biorefining company on multiple plant acquisitions and divestitures.
- Advised a leading biorefining company on the acquisition of a majority stake in a technology company in the value-added ingredients processing industry.
- Advised the seller on the US\$29 million sale of a leading distributor of specialty alcohols.
- Advised the seller on the US\$9 million sale of a commercial and industrial roofing company.