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Katherine (Katie) Gillespie is a partner in the Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental Practice Group in the firm's Chicago office and Leader of the Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance Team.

Areas of Practice

Katie focuses her practice on the representation of sponsors and financing parties in connection with the development, acquisition and financing of renewable energy projects. With more than 20 years of experience, Katie has led numerous transactions involving wind, solar and other renewable energy assets. These transactions have involved all forms of financing structures, including project level debt transaction, back-leverage financings, tax equity partnership flip transactions and lease financings, as well as M&A transactions at all stages of development and operation of projects.

Honors

Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2023

Leading Lawyer - Renewables & Alternative Energy, *Chambers Global*, 2021-2023

Leading Lawyer - Renewables & Alternative Energy, *Chambers USA*, 2020-2023

Recommended Lawyer - Renewables & Alternative Energy, *Legal 500 US*, 2018, 2019-2023

Notable Women in Law, *Crain's Chicago Business*, 2018, 2024

Who's Who Legal, 2014

Experience

Select Transactions

- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing for its 150 MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing with respect to a portfolio of projects consisting of 220 MW of wind energy generation facilities.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease pass through related to a fund of residential solar projects.
- Represented investor in connection with a tax equity investment with respect to a 250 MW facility.
- Represented investor in connection with a tax equity investment with respect to a 200 MW facility.
- Represented investor in connection with a tax equity investment with respect to a 235 MW facility.

- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity partnership flip transaction for a fund of residential solar projects.
- Represented sponsor in connection with tax equity financing for a wind facility in excess of 200+ MW.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing for a 150 MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease financing of its 100+ MW solar facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease financing of its 100+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing for its 200+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease financing of its 100 MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease financing of its 100 MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease pass through transaction related to a fund of residential solar projects.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease pass through transaction related to a fund of residential solar projects.
- Represented investor in connection with a tax equity investment with respect to a portfolio of wind facilities.
- Represented investor in connection with a tax equity investment with respect to a 500 MW of wind generation facilities.
- Represented sponsor in connection with the lease financing of its 30 MW solar facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing for its 150 MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease pass through transaction related to a fund of residential solar projects.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease pass through transaction related to a fund of residential solar projects.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing for its 200 MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with the leveraged lease financing of its 100 MW+ wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with the construction and cash grant loan with respect to its 100 MW+ wind facility.
- Represented purchaser with respect to the acquisition of a 10 MW solar project in development.
- Represented sponsor in connection with the construction, cash grant and term loan facility for its 100+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing with respect to two 12 MW wind facilities.
- Represented investor in connection with the lease financing program for a portfolio of solar distributed generation facilities.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a partnership flip transaction with respect to a pool of residential solar projects.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease financing of its 25 MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with the tax equity financing of its 100+ MW wind facility.
- Represented investor in connection with the formation of partnership flip transactions with a forward commitment related to solar distributed generation facilities and the subsequent funding of projects with 18

different offtakers.

- Represented sponsor in connection with a lease pass through transaction related to a fund of residential solar projects.
- Represented sponsor in connection with the lease financing of solar distributed generation facilities.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax and cash equity financing of a portfolio of three wind projects consisting of in excess of 200 MW.
- Represented international developer and operator in connection with its reentry into the U.S. renewable energy market through its investment in a U.S. wind energy developer.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing of its 150+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing of its 100+ MW wind facility.
- Represented investor in connection with the formation of a partnership flip transaction with a forward commitment related to solar distributed generation facilities and the subsequent funding of projects with seven different offtakers.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing with respect to its 100+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing with respect to its 100+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing with respect to its tire fueled facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing to its 50+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with the tax equity financing with respect to its 100+ MW wind facility.
- Represented sponsor in connection with a tax equity financing with respect to its 200+ MW wind facility.

Articles

Energy Law Blog

- "Congress Extends Renewable Energy Tax Credits in 2021 Omnibus Spending Bill," December 23, 2020

Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental Law Blog

- "FERC Approves MISO's Tariff Change Permitting Generators to Voluntarily Share Interconnection Facilities," August 26, 2019

Media Mentions

Spot on: Sheppard Mullin's power moves
fivehundred, 10.2019

Energy Team Joins Sheppard Mullin From Winston & Strawn
Law360, 03.08.2017

Events

Purchasing Renewable Energy Tax Credits: Your Federal Income Tax Liability as an Earning Asset
Webinar, 05.08.2024

The U.S. Inflation Reduction Act: Major Issues and Future Prospects
Seoul, South Korea, 04.02.2024

Solar + Wind Finance & Investment Summit
Shifting Finance Strategies & Managing the Capital Stack
03.14.2023

Energy Derivatives Update
Hedging Renewable Power in the Aftermath of Uri – Not Just an ERCOT Issue - Where we were, where we are,
where we are going
Webinar, 09.15.2021

Podcasts & Webinars

Purchasing Renewable Energy Tax Credits: Your Federal Income Tax Liability as an Earning Asset
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Hedging Renewable Power in the Aftermath of Uri – Not Just an ERCOT Issue - Where we were, where we are,
where we are going
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Practices

Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental
Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions
Commercial Lending and Financial Transactions

Industries

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Education

J.D., University of Notre Dame, 1998, *magna cum laude*
B.A., University of Illinois, 1993

Admissions

Illinois