

Energy Siting

Navigating the complexities of energy siting requires a deep understanding of regulatory frameworks, environmental impact assessments, and community engagement strategies. Our integrated team of land use, zoning, real estate, and environmental lawyers are dedicated to guiding developers, utilities, and investors through the intricate process of securing approvals and ensuring compliance for energy projects, including solar projects. Our experience includes evaluating the benefits of a unique and potentially expedited permit process allowed through the Washington State Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), and when deemed the preferred path, navigating through the EFSEC process.

Areas of Focus

- Regulatory Compliance: Ensuring adherence to federal, state, and local regulations governing energy projects.
- Environmental Impact Analysis: Conducting thorough assessments and preparing necessary documentation to meet environmental standards.
- Land Use and Zoning: Assisting with land acquisition, zoning approvals, and resolving land use disputes.
- Community Engagement: Developing and implementing strategies for effective stakeholder communication and public outreach.
- Permitting and Licensing: Securing all required permits and licenses for project development and operation.

How we Help

Site Selection and Feasibility Studies

- Identifying optimal locations for energy projects.
- Conducting feasibility studies to assess environmental, economic, and technical viability.

Regulatory and Permitting Strategy

- Advising on regulatory requirements and permitting processes.
- Preparing and submitting permit applications to relevant authorities.

Environmental and Social Impact Assessments

- Conducting comprehensive environmental and social impact assessments.
- Mitigating potential impacts through strategic planning and compliance.

Land Use and Zoning

- Navigating land use regulations and zoning laws.
- Facilitating land acquisition and securing necessary approvals.

Stakeholder and Community Engagement

- Developing outreach programs to engage with local communities and stakeholders.
- Addressing concerns and fostering positive relationships with affected parties.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

- Representing clients in disputes related to energy siting.
- Providing mediation and arbitration services to resolve conflicts efficiently.

Our Approach

Our approach to energy siting is client-focused and solution-oriented. We understand the unique challenges and opportunities in the energy sector and are committed to delivering tailored legal strategies that align with our clients' goals. Our multidisciplinary team collaborates closely with clients to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget while minimizing legal risks and maximizing compliance.