



Energy

Winston offers a full-service energy practice. With four decades of experience handling a broad array of services for participants across the energy industry and in key markets worldwide, our practitioners have developed a deep familiarity and keen sense of the market. Our experience spans electric generation, transmission, distribution, and fuel supply and transportation in the power sector—including conventional and renewable resources—as well as the upstream, midstream, downstream, and oilfield services segments in the oil and gas sector. Additionally, our team is at the forefront of the flourishing market for energy transition, and we bring practical experience, perspective, and innovative thinking to this rapidly expanding segment of energy sector.

Our clients include the full spectrum of energy sector participants. In the power and transmission segments, we represent infrastructure funds, private equity funds, bank and non-bank lenders, developers, project sponsors, underwriters, equity and other investors, and governments. Our oil and gas sector clients include publicly traded independent and privately held exploration and production and midstream companies. We also represent fully integrated oil and gas companies, multinational energy transportation companies, strategic and financial sector participants, MLPs, refiners, and oilfield services and equipment companies.

Our multidisciplinary and highly experienced energy team was specifically assembled to support the current energy market's core competencies. We are a true "one-stop-shop" that delivers value to clients based on the depth of our experience and the efficiency that comes with such experience, a long-tenured team, and the institutional knowledge gained from long-standing client relationships. With more than 100 energy sector lawyers, we offer a breadth rarely seen in the current market. Additionally, our practitioners' shared experience enables the group to serve clients with a consistent team, an efficient and standardized legal review process, and broad substantive capability. Our fully integrated platform covers all of our clients' business and legal needs, including:

- M&A, joint ventures, and partnerships

- Private equity
- Finance (including project finance)
- Commercial agreements
- Regulation (including FERC)
- Capital markets
- Trading and derivatives
- Tax
- Real estate and leasing
- Environmental
- Antitrust and competition
- Litigation
- International arbitration
- Restructuring

The high caliber of our Energy Practice is demonstrated by our many recognitions from esteemed sources, including in *Chambers*, which published in its 2023 USA edition that our team provides an “excellent level of responsiveness to requests and requirements.” In addition, in its 2023 edition, *The Legal 500 US* published that our energy team is “adept at understanding and anticipating its clients’ needs,” and praised our ability to “work seamlessly together.” We have been similarly recognized by *IFLR1000*, *IJGlobal*, *Latinvex*, *Lawdragon*, *The Lawyer Awards*, and *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Law Firms.” Likewise, individual members of our team are regularly recognized in the legal industry’s top-ranking guides. While we are proud of the recognitions bestowed upon our firm and practitioners, nothing is more meaningful than the continued confidence of our clients.

Key Contacts

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Areas of Focus

Energy Industry Litigation & Investigations

With our reputation as a trial lawyers’ firm serving as our foundation, we advocate for a variety of power producers, oil and gas companies, and oilfield services providers in high-stakes litigation throughout U.S. district and appellate courts. We also handle sensitive investigations, contentious regulatory and enforcement issues, and arbitration.

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Energy Regulatory

Winston's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Energy Regulatory practice bring decades of experience counseling on transactional, regulatory, investigation, and enforcement and litigation matters.

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Energy Transition

As the world shifts towards sustainable and carbon-neutral energy, we're here to assist clients in navigating this transition. With over 40 years of experience in both renewable and conventional energy, our expert team offers practical insights and innovative solutions. We help clients plan, invest, and excel in today's evolving energy landscape through the firm's integrated service approach.

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ESG

Winston & Strawn's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Advisory Practice synthesizes the firm's multidisciplinary experience to help boards, management teams, and investors oversee the complete spectrum of ESG-related legal and business issues.

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Oil & Gas

Winston's oil and gas attorneys have handled a wide range of transactions and disputes across the oil and gas and energy transition sectors' complete value chain. Our attorneys have a firm grasp on where the market is at any point in time and are able to navigate challenges such as increased market consolidation and volatility. Likewise, years of industry and practical experience have provided our attorneys with a deep understanding of global oil and gas and energy market dynamics.

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Power & Transmission

Winston's broad-based, fully integrated Energy Practice is among the most experienced in the current market, and we advise enterprises with interests in power generation from both renewable and conventional sources; transmission, including generation interconnection and transmission access; and storage projects on a full panoply of legal and business needs.

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Related Capabilities

Capital Markets

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Derivatives & Structured Products

Environmental

Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)

Finance

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International Arbitration

International Trade

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Mergers & Acquisitions	Product Liability & Mass Torts	Project Finance		
Public Companies	Restructuring & Insolvency	Tax	Real Estate	
Energy Industry Litigation & Investigations	Energy Transition	Energy Regulatory & FERC		
Infrastructure	Maritime & Admiralty	Oil & Gas	Power & Transmission	Europe
Latin America & Caribbean				

Recent Experience

Drilling Tools International Corp. Closes on Acquisition of Deep Casing Tools
American States Water Co. \$200M At-The-Market Offering
Winston Represented DNOW Inc. in its Acquisition of Whitco Supply
Winston Represents POET, LLC in CCS Agreement with Summit Carbon Solutions
SQM 2023 Green Bond
Winston advised Grupo Energía Bogotá (GEB) in the first issuance of Sustainability Bonds in Colombia
Nxu Inc. Announces US\$3M Public Offering of Common Stock
Battery Future Acquisition Corp. Closes US\$345M IPO
Project Energy Reimagined Acquisition Corp. Closes US\$250M IPO

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Winston's Product & Mass Torts Summit Series 2024

MAY 9, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Jason Lewis Speaks at the International Energy Credit Association Spring Conference

APRIL 4, 2024

ARTICLE

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SEC Adopts Final Climate-Related Disclosure Rules

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IN THE MEDIA

Laurens Wilkes Joins Winston & Strawn in Houston Office

MARCH 5, 2024

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Managing the Energy Transition: Oil & Gas Industry Response

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Winston Sponsors Fourth Annual THRIVE Energy Conference

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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FEBRUARY 16, 2024