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Hao's practice focuses on representing financing parties and sponsors in a wide range of financing and acquisition transactions in the renewable energy and infrastructure sectors across the United States. She has advised lenders, tax equity investors, energy hedge providers, and sponsors in the development, acquisition and financing of many wind and solar projects across the country, as well as in connection with municipal waste and water projects.

She has also worked on back-leverage financings, construction and term loan financings, ITC and PTC bridge financings, residential solar financings, sale-leaseback transactions, inverted lease transactions, private placement financings, and tax equity partnership transactions for wind and solar projects.

Hao is fluent in Mandarin.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Representation of a tax equity investor in an inverted lease transaction involving an eight-project portfolio of solar photovoltaic facilities in North Carolina
- Representation of lenders in connection with the construction, aggregation and term financing of a portfolio of distributed generation solar photovoltaic facilities in Texas, Arizona, South Carolina, California, and New Jersey
- Representation of Pattern Renewables Development Company LLC in connection with its acquisition of a 200.1 MW wind project in Texas
- Representation of Pattern Renewables LP in connection with its acquisition of a 150 MW wind project in Indiana
- Representation of Citibank, N.A. and a group of other lenders in connection with the construction financing for a 200.1 MW wind project in Texas
- Representation of Google Inc. in connection with its tax equity investments in a six-project portfolio of solar photovoltaic facilities in California and Arizona with a combined capacity of 106 MW and a 50 MW wind project in Iowa
- Representation of Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc. in connection with its provision of energy hedges for a 211.22 MW wind project in Texas
- Representation of J.P. Morgan Ventures Energy Corporation in connection with its provision of energy hedges for two wind projects with a combined nameplate capacity of 429.6 MW in Texas
- Representation of Vivint Solar in connection with the tax equity financing of a portfolio of residential solar projects in California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, and New Jersey
- Representation of Santander Bank, N.A. and Prudential in connection with the term financing (consisting with a bank tranche and bond tranche) of a 27.4 MW solar photovoltaic project in California
- Representation of Rabobank, DNB, Morgan Stanley and Citibank in connection with the issuance of senior secured 4(2) notes and the financing for the 200 MWac Mount Signal Solar project in Imperial County, California
- Representation of Santander Bank, N.A. and OneWest Bank N.A. in connection with its provision of back-leverage financing for a 298 MW wind project in Oklahoma
- Representation of SunPower Corporation in connection with the construction and sale-leaseback financing for the 13.7 MWdc China Lake solar project at Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, California
- Representation of Nautilus Solar PV Holdings, Inc. in connection with the term and tax equity financing of a portfolio of six solar projects in California, New Jersey, and Maryland
- Representation of SMBC in connection with the construction and sale-leaseback financing for the 20 MWac Atwell solar project in Tulare County, California
- Representation of UniCredit and a group of lenders in connection with the construction and term financing for the 45 MWac Avenal solar project in Kings County, California

Recognitions

Hao was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*[®], for Energy Law in 2021–2024 and Corporate Law in 2023–2024. She was listed as one of *Lawdragon*'s “500 Leading Energy Lawyers” for Renewable Energy in 2024. She was recognized as a “key lawyer” in the 2023 edition of *The Legal 500 US* in the areas of Energy – Alternative/Renewable Power and Finance – Project Finance. She was a Fletcher Jones Foundation Fellow from 2000 through 2004.

Activities

Hao represented pro bono clients in guardianship and adoption cases and assisted pro bono clients in their naturalization applications.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Hao received her B.A. and M.A. in English from Nankai University in 1996 and 1999. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Communications in 2005, and her J.D. in 2009 from the University of Southern California.

ADMISSIONS

- California

LANGUAGES

- Mandarin

Related Insights & News

- Huang, H. (2009) Maximizing Chinese Imports' Compliance with United States Safety and Quality Standards: Carrot and Stick from Whom? *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, 18(1), 131-160.

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Winston Attorneys Featured on the 2024 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Energy Lawyers List

FEBRUARY 16, 2024

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Winston Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2023

JUNE 7, 2023

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Winston Advises on *IJGlobal's* 2022 Deals of the Year

MARCH 20, 2023

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Winston Wins 2022 Alice Paul Award for Dedication to Women's Rights Through Pro Bono Support
NOVEMBER 21, 2022

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2023*
AUGUST 18, 2022

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Winston Partners Profiled in 2022 *L.A. Banking and Finance: Trends. Updates. Visionaries.* Magazine
MARCH 28, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Names 21 New U.S. Partners
DECEMBER 7, 2021

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2022*
AUGUST 19, 2021

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Winston Women Recognized in the 2021 Women in the Law edition of *Best Lawyers*
JULY 1, 2021

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Energy & Infrastructure Projects Recognized at *IJGlobal Awards 2020*
JUNE 30, 2021

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Winston & Strawn Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch 2021*
AUGUST 20, 2020

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