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Art Howson is a transactional lawyer with significant expertise in renewable energy finance and development spanning a diverse range of technologies, including solar energy, battery storage, commercial EV charging, and bioenergy. Art advises clients on the financing, construction, acquisition, and disposition of renewable energy projects and data centers, offering tailored solutions for lenders, investors, sponsors, and developers navigating intricate transactions. He regularly represents clients in complex financing arrangements for renewable energy projects, including construction loans, term loans, sale-leaseback transactions, and tax credit investments.

In addition to his expertise in project finance, Art assists clients in negotiating critical project documents for renewable energy facilities. His experience includes power purchase agreements, construction contracts, maintenance agreements, and site control agreements. Leveraging his significant background in commercial real estate transactions, he adeptly handles leases and other real property agreements related to solar, biogas, and landfill gas projects. Art's practice also encompasses advising clients across industries on corporate finance and equipment finance matters.

Notable Work

Renewable Natural Gas Facility Financing: Represented senior lender in financing construction of a renewable natural gas facility in Indiana supported by subordinate debt, joint venture capital, and tax credit investments.

Solar and Battery Storage Financing Projects: Represented arranger in financing a portfolio of solar and battery storage projects across the U.S. with corporate, municipal, and residential offtakers.

Distributed Generation Projects: Represented arranger in financing a portfolio of distributed generation projects located across New

Areas of Experience

Corporate
Construction
Corporate Finance and Lending
Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure
Energy and Infrastructure
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
Project Finance and Development
Renewable Energy and Electric Power

Education

J.D., American University Washington College of Law, 2013, cum laude
B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008

Admissions

Bars

North Carolina
District of Columbia

Languages

Spanish

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England, the Midwest, and California, including utility scale, net metered, and community solar facilities.

Sale-Leaseback Financing for Solar Project: Represented lender in construction loan and sale-leaseback financing of 50 MW solar project in Pennsylvania.

Battery Storage Facilities and Data Centers: Represented lenders in syndicated loan facilities for construction and operation of standalone battery storage facilities and data centers.

EV Charging Company Tax Credits: Advised commercial EV charging company in preparation of asset purchase agreements and charging service contracts, including analysis of associated federal tax credit issues.

Acquisition of Projects Under MIPAs and APAs: Represented a solar developer and a large public utility in connection with the acquisition of multiple projects under membership interest purchase agreements (MIPAs) and asset purchase agreements (APAs).

Federal Tax Credits: Assisted investor in the renewable natural gas sector with joint venture documentation and issues related to monetization of federal tax credits.

Solar Generation and Battery Storage Facilities: Represented lender financing the installation and operation of 12 solar generation and battery storage facilities.

Cranberry Bog and Solar Energy Facility: Represented lender providing financing for construction of the nation's first dual-use cranberry bog and solar energy facility, including the installation of on-site battery storage.

Published Work and Lectures

- *The National Law Review*, Author, "Inflation Reduction Act Gives a Boost to the Biogas Sector," October 6, 2022
- *The National Law Review*, Author, "Landmark Federal Clean Energy/Climate Change Package Creates Wealth of Opportunities for Investors, Producers," August 25, 2022

Affiliations

- Leadership Raleigh, Class 47
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association, Member
- Wake Country Bar Association, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in North Carolina for Banking & Finance Law and Project Finance Law as "One to Watch"