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# **LEGAL POWER LIST 2020**

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Richard Heap, Editorial & Content Lead, Tamarindo Group

**B**ehind every great deal are some great lawyers. Thankfully, the wind industry benefits from many of each.

Thriving in the wind industry is far from straightforward. This was true before the Covid-19 pandemic, as companies sought to expand in the face of increased competition that squeezed profits. That led to M&A transactions, new deal structures and restructurings throughout the sector.

And the situation is even tougher now. Yes, wind has so far been resilient despite the Covid-led financial crisis. But the market is facing huge change. Companies and those who advise them will need to adapt fast for a world that is set to look very different in 18 months.

That's why this is a good time to look again at the top lawyers in wind. These are the people who have helped companies to negotiate the challenges they have faced so far. And they all need to be on top form as the global crisis ramps up.

We all know that the oil and gas industries have suffered punishing losses in the first half of 2020. The wind industry will be able to take advantage of this, but only if companies can get deals and developments done. Lawyers will be key to progressing these in a tough economy.

This report celebrates the very best.

We first took on this task in our debut Legal Power List in the headier days of 2016. Since then, the composition of the top 100 has changed. Our goal hasn't. We recognise the 100 lawyers that we believe are the most influential in the global wind industry. These are the people who keep things moving but whose contribution usually gains little attention.

We started the initiative because we felt we couldn't cover lawyers fairly in our other top 100 reports, which are now the European Power List and North American Power List. We felt the legal world needed its own special report, which is why you won't find lawyers in the EPL or NAPL. The fact we can easily celebrate 100 here shows this is the right decision.

You can read a summary of how we put together this top 100 and the rankings on page 12; and the full Legal Power List 2020 begins on page 13.

On top of that, you can delve into more detail about the trends that shaped this top 100 on page 4. These include the emergence of offshore wind in Asia, which has contributed to an increase in major project finance lawyers in the Asia-Pacific region as compared to our last such report. This also provided big deals for experts who cut their teeth in Europe.

The number of utility-scale onshore wind projects in the Nordics has been important to this list as this has helped to open the way for new power purchase agreement structures.

And we have seen a steady stream of complex corporate M&A deals.

These varied deal types need a range of lawyers to deal with the complexities they raise. The wind industry has them – as this report shows. Happy reading. ■

# WHAT DOES THIS YEAR'S LEGAL POWER LIST TELL US ABOUT THE MARKET?



The composition of the top 100 legal professionals in our 2020 Legal Power List tells us about some of the key trends and issues in wind as we enter the 2020s.

Richard Heap looks at six of the biggest trends that have shaped this list.



# 1 Complex takeovers keep in-house lawyers busy

Utilities, manufacturers and developers have been facing squeezed profit margins in the last three years as more nations have launched competitive auctions. This has forced large firms to undertake complex takeovers – and has shaped the upper reaches of this top 100.

Major transactions have included RWE and E.ON's €43bn asset swap; Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board's \$6.1bn takeover of Pattern Energy; Mitsubishi and Chubu's purchase of Eneco for €4.1bn; and Siemens Gamesa's €200m purchase of assets from Senvion.

Each transaction is an attempt to grow reach or market share, and each comes with its own complexities. In this report we have sought to recognise the key people behind these deals – both in-house general counsels and M&A experts from private practice.

In total, 12 of the professionals in this list are in-house general counsels or legal heads, and 88 are in private practice. This is a change from the 23:77 split in our last Legal Power List in 2018, because we have focused on in-house professionals that have led companies through these kinds of deals, and those with a larger public profile within their management team.



## 2 Global reach boosts Magic Circle firms

The top 100 includes professionals from 52 law firms. Fifteen saw two or more lawyers secure places, and the best-represented were Clifford Chance and Linklaters (six each).

In our research, we have sought to ensure that Magic Circle firms don't dominate. But we cannot ignore the global spread of those top companies and their ability to attract skilled practitioners.

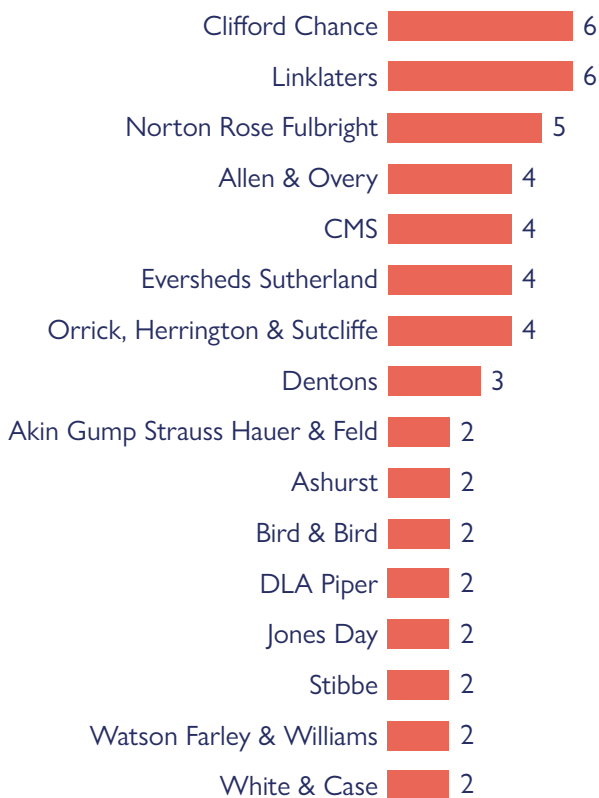
Clifford Chance's six are based in five countries, while the six from Linklaters

are based in four countries. This shows their depth of renewables experience worldwide.

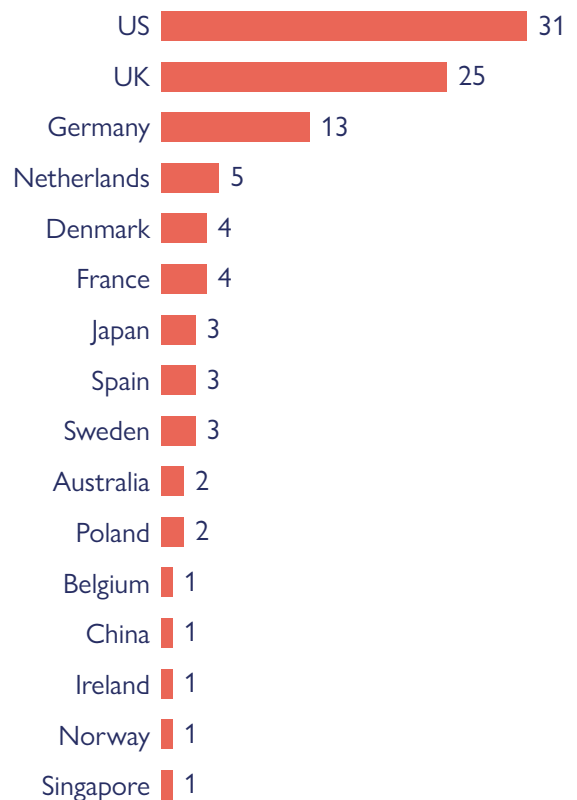
The three other Magic Circle firms – Allen & Overy, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, and Slaughter & May – all feature in our top 100 as well.

Overall, our list includes professionals based in 16 countries, with the most from the US (31), UK (25) and Germany (13). Continental Europe is the best-represented region (37).

### Law firms with two or more lawyers in the top 100



### Top 100 breakdown by country





# 3 War for talent rages in the US

Outside the Magic Circle, the largest single law firm on this top 100 is Norton Rose Fulbright with five entrants. Interestingly, two of their US lawyers here (Becky Diffen and David Burton) both featured in our last Legal Power List in 2018 working at different companies.

This highlights an interesting trend we have seen in the US market.

Of the 28 US private practitioners in this top 100, nine have joined their firm in the last two years. This shows there is a war for top legal talent as the energy transition gains pace in the US. Law firms are readying themselves for a world where wind and solar play bigger roles in the overall energy mix. This will only accelerate following a Covid-inspired fossil fuel slump.

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# 4 Emerging offshore markets boost Asia and UK

The size and complexity of offshore wind projects mean that lawyers who specialise in the structuring and financing of these projects continue to feature strongly.

One quarter of the lawyers (25) in this league table are from the UK, which we attribute to two factors: first, the UK's status as the world's leading offshore wind market by installed capacity; and second, London's status as a global legal centre. Large offshore transactions were a key factor in the rankings for 14 of the 24 UK private practice lawyers in this table.

The growth of offshore wind in Asia has shaped this table too. This list includes six lawyers from Asia-Pacific that have worked on taking offshore wind projects through development and to financial close, mainly in Taiwan and Japan.

Finally, two lawyers were included mainly on the basis of their work in opening up the US offshore market. New legal stars will emerge as offshore wind takes off in new markets.







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# 5 The strategic significance of the Nordics

With 1.6GW installed, Sweden came second only to Spain (2.3GW) in terms of onshore wind capacity completed in Europe in 2019. Norway came fifth on the list with 780MW installed.

This shows how important the Nordics are to Europe. This is one of the few parts of Europe where developers can build utility-scale onshore wind projects of a size you'd typically see in the US. Add in the use of corporate PPAs and that is a recipe for complex legal work. We see this influence in this year's list.

Six of our top 100 are private practice lawyers based in Denmark, Norway and Sweden; and a seventh, Mogens Thorninger, only made the shift to Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners earlier this year. In addition, seven more from outside the region have been vital in taking wind projects in the Nordics to financial close. The region remains a source of complex legal work.

But, with super-low power prices and more power resistance to wind, this may not last.





# 6 Should I stay or should I go? It's 50:50

The breakdown of the top 100 shows that the legal profession is as exciting and fast-moving as any part of the renewables industry. In total, 46 of those on this top 100 have never been on one of our Legal Power Lists, and four more have re-entered after missing out in 2018.

This top 100 also features 24 women. That is a rise from the 20 in the previous Legal Power List in 2018, and the track records of the female professionals we

saw in our research shows there could have easily been more than those 24. In the end, we had to judge primarily on quality, quantity and complexity of deals, rather than the gender of the people leading the team.

We can't claim the legal profession is somehow equal. The numbers speak for themselves: 76 men and 24 women in this list. But it does appear to be going in a more equal direction. ■

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Across the renewables industry, data and market insights are respected as important engines of development, which help companies to deliver more value to the industry and their stakeholders. We feel that the independent rankings of industry influencers in our Power List reports, including the Legal Power List, help play an important role in identifying and celebrating the leaders who make this industry what it is.

Renewables businesses are constantly challenged by the evolving attitudes among politicians, regulators and the public, and ever-changing strategies of competitors. That is why they need to work with experts that can help steer them through.

At Tamarindo Group, we have worked with thousands of executives in the industry to help them find and nurture the relation-

ships they need to drive business growth. This has given us strong insights that we have drawn on for this Legal Power List.

## HOW WE DEVELOPED THE LEGAL POWER LIST

We started desk research for this report in February by analysing the biggest deals in wind in the last 18 months, and the lawyers that led on them. We also drew on the insights from some of the influential members of our community.

After that we drew up a shortlist of 250 of the industry's most influential lawyers, and then carried out further research – both independently and drawing on the expertise from their teams – to ensure we used the most up-to-date information. We made our final decisions based on factors

including deal activity, sizes and industry reputation.

This enabled us to narrow down our final 100, which we then ranked using our views on those criteria above. Our decisions are final and can only be based on information available to us. We won't enter into disputes about the composition of the list, but are happy to receive information about lawyers you think we should consider next time. ■

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Our selections and rankings are based on factors including high-profile deal activity and wider influence in the wind industry, and we have included 2018 positions for comparison.

100 NEW ENTRY		<b>JOHN LEONTI</b> Partner, Troutman Pepper Advises on major deals including \$1.2bn tax equity for Southern Power	90 NEW ENTRY		<b>RAVINDER SANDHU</b> Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe Joined Orrick in April and recently closed the Walney Extension OFTO sale
99 NEW ENTRY		<b>PER ÅSBRINK</b> Partner, Mannheimer Swartling Has acted for firms including E.On and RES on transactions in the Nordics	89 NEW ENTRY		<b>CHAD MARRIOTT</b> Partner, Stoel Rives Has acted on \$3bn of tax equity financings in recent years for giants like Enel
98 NEW ENTRY		<b>DRISS BERERHI</b> Partner, Allen & Overy Advised InfraVia Capital Partners on funding the 175MW Björkvattnet in Sweden	88 NEW ENTRY		<b>DICKSON CHIN</b> Partner, Jones Day Specialises in swaps and PPAs, with clients inc. General Mills and Proctor & Gamble
97 NEW ENTRY		<b>NICHOLAS ROSS-McCALL</b> Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang Acted for the banking consortium that funded a 170MW GIG portfolio in Sweden	87 ▼ 83		<b>BECKY DIFFEN</b> Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Advises the likes of Apex Clean Energy, Duke Energy and Macquarie Capital
96 NEW ENTRY		<b>BENDIK CHRISTOFFERSEN</b> Partner & Head of Renewable Energy & Infrastructure, Thommessen Influential in the highly-active Nordics market, advising clients including GIG	86 ▼ 60		<b>FRANÇOIS APRIL</b> Partner, Linklaters Led on the financial closes for two offshore wind farms in France
95 NEW ENTRY		<b>CLARE BURGESS</b> Partner, Clifford Chance Acted on major deals including GIP's £4.5bn buyout of 50% of 1.2GW Hornsea 1	85 ▼ 63		<b>FLORIAN MAHLER</b> Partner, Clifford Chance Lead counsel on multiple fundings for Germany's largest offshore wind farms
94 NEW ENTRY		<b>PAUL MUDIE</b> Partner, Slaughter & May Advised Ørsted on its disposal of a 50% stake in the 1.2GW Hornsea 1 to GIP	84 NEW ENTRY		<b>KAROL LASOCKI</b> Partner & Head of Energy, DWF Advised RWE Renewables on its acquisition of stakes in 1.5GW Polish offshore
93 NEW ENTRY		<b>JOAN BONDAREFF</b> Of Counsel, Blank Rome Key to emerging US offshore sector, including as chair of the Virginia OWDA	83 NEW ENTRY		<b>NOREEN PHELAN</b> Partner, Sidley Austin Joined in March 2019 and acts for clients including GE Energy Financial Services
92 NEW ENTRY		<b>MATEUSZ TOCZYSKI</b> Partner, Dentons Acted for six banks on funding Mashav's 220MW Potegowo project in Poland	82 ▼ 52		<b>JENS BLOMGREN-HANSEN</b> Partner, Kromann Reumert Primarily advises on project and structured financing of renewables projects
91 ▲ 97		<b>DAN CHOROST</b> Principal, Sive Paget & Riesel Works on permitting for the US offshore market-leading Empire Wind project	81 ▲ 91		<b>AINSLEY HEFFERNAN</b> Partner & Head of Energy & Natural Resources, Beauchamps Acted on Innogy's Irish entry, including buying 50% of the 600MW Dublin Array



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80 NEW ENTRY		<b>CHRISTOPHER THOMSON</b> Partner, Dentons Led the team advising VLC Renewables on a 500MW wind scheme in Ukraine	69 NEW ENTRY		<b>DURHAM McCORMICK Jr.</b> Partner & Co-Lead of Renewable Energy, McGuire Woods Co-leads the company's renewables team, with a focus on wind PTCs
79 NEW ENTRY		<b>DANIELLE HEATH</b> Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang Represented TRIG on its acquisition of 25% of the 330MW Gode Wind 1 scheme	68 NEW ENTRY		<b>HENRY STEWART</b> Partner & Co-Head of Global Energy Group, Watson Farley & Williams Acted for Nord/LB on financing for the 474MW Nysater onshore cluster in Sweden
78 NEW ENTRY		<b>DANIELLE VARNELL</b> Partner, Bracewell Advises on a host of wind and solar deals, especially in the M&A space	67 NEW ENTRY		<b>JOSÉ GUARDO</b> Partner, Clifford Chance Acted for Ardian on €401m financing as part of the 419MW Renovalia buyout
77 ▼ 51		<b>FLORIAN DEGENHARDT</b> Partner, White & Case Heads the German project finance practice and has advised on wind globally	66 ▼ 62		<b>KAREN WONG</b> Partner, Milbank Has led finance on numerous projects during the last three decades
76 NEW ENTRY		<b>ELISE ZOLI</b> Partner, Jones Day Acts for a wide range of renewables players on deals from M&A to PPAs, both onshore and offshore	65 RE-ENTRY		<b>MATTHIAS LANG</b> Partner, Bird & Bird Has extensive experience of advising clients on Germany's Energiewende
75 NEW ENTRY		<b>JASON LOVELL</b> Partner, Eversheds Sutherland Led on the purchase of a 211MW wind project in Finland by Glennmont Partners	64 ▼ 29		<b>CHRIS ANDREW</b> Partner, Allen & Overy Plays a key role in the renewable team that has closed a series of large wind deals
74 NEW ENTRY		<b>ROSS SCHLOEFFEL</b> Partner, Linklaters Led the purchase of 40% of Iberdrola's 714MW East Anglia 1 by GIG	63 NEW ENTRY		<b>ANDREA LUCAN</b> Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld Has counselled likes of Ørsted and Innogy on over 2GW of US wind deals
73 ▲ 95		<b>JONATHAN MELMED</b> Partner, King & Spalding Represented Tradewind on the sale of its 3GW wind portfolio to Invenery	62 NEW ENTRY		<b>ZSUZSANNA SESSEL-ZSEBIK</b> Director of Legal, RWE Renewables Named general counsel at RWE Ren in October after 11 years at E.On
72 NEW ENTRY		<b>ALEX BLOMFIELD</b> Partner, Simmons & Simmons Key to NBT's 792.5MW Zophia and 250MW Syvash projects in Ukraine	61 NEW ENTRY		<b>ANTONY SKINNER</b> Partner & Global Co-Head of Power & Utilities (EMEA & US), Ashurst Advised the lenders on the £344m refinancing of an Octopus portfolio
71 NEW ENTRY		<b>GIJI JOHN</b> Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe Acted for Microsoft on its pioneering proxy generation PPA structure	60 ▼ 41		<b>DAVID BURTON</b> Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Joined from Mayer Brown in 2019 and is key industry voice on tax equity
70 ▲ 81		<b>PETER IHRFELT</b> Partner, DLA Piper Represents Swedish and international developers in projects across Europe	59 NEW ENTRY		<b>JOHN PITTS</b> Partner, Kirkland & Ellis Acted for private equity firm KKR on a \$900m green tie-up with NextEra

58 ▲ 94		<b>ROBERT GOLDBERG</b> Partner & Co-Head of Renewable Energy, Mayer Brown Represented investors on the \$270m tax equity deal at a 300MW project	46 NEW ENTRY		<b>SCOTT PETEPIECE</b> Partner & Global M&A Leader, Shearman & Sterling Acted for the CPP Investment Board team on its \$6.1bn buyout of Pattern Energy
57 NEW ENTRY		<b>ALLISON LAND</b> Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom Acted for NextEra Energy on a \$900m renewables tie-up with PE house KKR	45 ▲ 53		<b>MONA DAJANI</b> Partner & Head of Renewable Energy, Pillsbury Appointed co-head of Pillsbury's energy and infrastructure team in August 2019
56 ▼ 43		<b>FELIX FISCHER</b> Partner, Chatham Partners Experienced offshore wind advisor who's lobbying to open up the high seas	44 ▲ 47		<b>DOROTHY FRANZONI</b> Partner & Chair of US Renewables, Eversheds Sutherland Chairs the company's renewable and energy advisory team in the US
55 NEW ENTRY		<b>JÖRGEN MÖLLER</b> Partner & Co-Head of Physical Synergy, Cirio Leads the team advising on a host of Sweden's largest onshore wind deals	43 NEW ENTRY		<b>ROBERT SCHUMER</b> Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison Led the team that acted for Pattern Energy on its \$6.1bn acquisition by CPPIB
54 ▼ 35		<b>MARC VERMYLEN</b> Managing Partner & Head of Banking & Finance, Loyens & Loeff Headed the €700m financing of Northwester 2, which closed in late 2018	42 ▼ 40		<b>CLYDE RANKIN III</b> Partner, Baker McKenzie Has extensive experience of advising clients on large projects in the US and overseas
53 NEW ENTRY		<b>PAUL RICE</b> Partner & Head of Energy, Pinsent Masons Advised EDF on its purchase of 50% of the Codling offshore project in Ireland	41 ▼ 34		<b>HOLGER KRAFT</b> Partner, CMS Hasche Sigle Led the team that acted for the sellers of the 396MW Merkur offshore project
52 ▲ 84		<b>CARLA LUH</b> Partner & Head of Infrastructure, Energy, Resources & Projects, Hogan Lovells Acted for Hamburg Commercial Bank on financing of Målarberget project	40 RE-ENTRY		<b>RICHARD COAR</b> Partner & Co-Head of Renewables & Construction Practices, Linklaters Led on the £3bn financial close of the 1.1GW Seagreen
51 ▲ 55		<b>WERNER RUNGE</b> Partner, Allen & Overy Leads the practice that acts for clients including Blauwind, GIG and Yard Energy	39 ▲ 54		<b>ROB MARSH</b> Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Represented lenders on the refinancing of the 588MW Beatrice project
50 NEW ENTRY		<b>ELIZABETH CHARLESWORTH</b> Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills Led on the A\$650m refinancing of the 309MW Hornsdale complex in Australia	38 RE-ENTRY		<b>INDRAJ MANGAT</b> Partner & Head of Global Clean Energy Project Finance, Eversheds Sutherland Leads the global clean energy project finance team, with a recent focus on MENA
49 ▲ 100		<b>JOHN MARCIANO III</b> Partner & Co Head of Global Project Finance, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld Acted for Geronimo on the \$225m sale of its development arm to National Grid	37 NEW ENTRY		<b>HIROFUMI TABA</b> Partner, Linklaters Advised Marubeni on \$920m plan to build Japan's first offshore wind farm
48 ▲ 71		<b>MARTIN IN DE BRAEKT</b> Partner & Head of Energy & Industry Group, Stibbe Highly respected Dutch lawyer whose clients range from developers to the Dutch government	36 NEW ENTRY		<b>PETER ØSTERGAARD NIELSEN</b> Partner, Bech-Bruun Advised Marubeni and CIP on contracts for 700MW of offshore wind projects in Asia
47 NEW ENTRY		<b>SEBASTIAN SCHNEIDER</b> Partner, Hengeler Mueller Has recently acted on high-profile offshore deals for APG and Ørsted	35 ▼ 10		<b>MADS BAY RASMUSSEN</b> VP Head of Legal & Risk, MHI Vestas Holds a key role in the firm's management team as it expands globally



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34 ▲ 75		<b>MARK CHENEY</b> Partner, Dentons Has advised on M&A deals at major projects including Triton Knoll and Yunlin	22 ▲ 25		<b>JOHN PICKETT</b> Partner & Co-Head Renewables Group, Linklaters Leads on high-profile offshore wind transactions in Europe and Asia
33 ▲ 45		<b>HEIN TONNAER</b> Partner, Clifford Chance Advised Mitsubishi on its €4.1bn acquisition of Dutch utility Eneco with Chubu	21 ▲ 37		<b>JAMES TYNION III</b> Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius Has been active in the financial side of wind projects for over 25 years
32 NEW ENTRY		<b>HELEEN KERSTEN</b> Partner, Stibbe Gained prominence in late 2019 after advising Eneco on its €4.1bn acquisition	20 ▲ 33		<b>SOPHIE DINGENEN</b> Partner & Co-Head of International Renewables, Bird & Bird Co-heads the global renewables team and is active on a wide range of deals
31 ▼ 8		<b>ALYSON CLARK</b> General Counsel, GE Renewable Energy Has been at GE since 1996 and is currently general counsel of its renewables arm	19 ▲ 26		<b>EVAN STERGOU LIS</b> Partner & Co-Head of Global Renewables, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe Led a four-strong team to Orrick in April after two decades at WFW
30 NEW ENTRY		<b>PATRICK MOSSLER</b> Partner, Gleiss Lutz Co-led the team advising Senvion on the sale of €200m assets to Siemens Gamesa	18 ▼ 15		<b>KEITH MARTIN</b> Partner & Co-Head of Projects US, Norton Rose Fulbright Acted for 116 companies last year and is a key authority on US wind
29 ▲ 89		<b>DAVID WADHAM</b> Partner & Global Co-Head of Power & Utilities (APAC), Ashurst Led the banking consortium that financed that 950MW Moray East offshore project	17 ▲ 36		<b>NATASHA LUTHER-JONES</b> Partner & Global Co-Chair of Energy & Natural Resources, DLA Piper Highly active in corporate PPAs and recently acted for Greencoat in Scotland
28 NEW ENTRY		<b>MINAKO WAKABAYASHI</b> Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe Advises players from utilities to Japan's government on offshore wind	16 ▲ 17		<b>EDWARD ZAE LKE</b> Partner & Head of Energy Project Finance, McDermott Will & Emery Longstanding US wind law expert who joined from Akin Gump in 2019
27 NEW ENTRY		<b>MATTHEW BUCHANAN</b> Partner, Clifford Chance Advised Macquarie and Swancor on \$2bn financing of Formosa 2 in Taiwan	15 ▲ 19		<b>MICHELLE DAVIES</b> Partner & International Head of Clean Energy & Sustainability, Eversheds Sutherland Heads the global clean energy group and has advised on over 50GW of projects
26 NEW ENTRY		<b>LARS WESTPFAHL</b> Partner & Head of German Restructuring & Insolvency, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Led the team advising Siemens Gamesa on its €200m buyout of Senvion assets	14 RE-ENTRY		<b>BRENDAN QUINN</b> Partner & Head of Project Finance in Asia-Pacific, White & Case Led the team that closed the €2.7bn project financing of the 640MW Yunlin project
25 ▲ 79		<b>ELI KATZ</b> Partner, Latham & Watkins Key in huge deals for clients including KKR, NextEra and Sempra Energy	13 ▲ 85		<b>JAMES MCLAREN</b> Partner & Head of Asia Green Energy, Linklaters Highly active for key players in Taiwan's emerging offshore wind sector
24 ▲ 49		<b>MALTE JORDAN</b> Partner & Global Energy Sector Co-Head, Watson Farley & Williams Advised APG and TRIG on the acquisition of 12.5% of the 396MW Merkur scheme	12 ▲ 21		<b>ANNE LAPIERRE</b> Global Head of Energy, Norton Rose Fulbright Acted for Eolfi on its acquisition by Shell among many other deals
23 ▲ 42		<b>MUNIR HASSAN</b> Partner & Head of Energy & Climate Change, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang Leads the CMS renewable practice and has deep experience across renewables	11 ▲ 28		<b>JAMES PAY</b> Partner & Head of Global Renewables, Clifford Chance Acts for a wide range of clients, including the global investments of Actis



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NEW ENTRY

**GARETH PRICE**Global Managing Partner,  
Allen & Overy

Price heads the team that advises on a host of huge refinancings, and became global managing partner in May. A&O was top law firm at our European Wind Investment Awards in 2019.

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**NATALIE HOCKEN**SVP & General Counsel,  
Berkshire Hathaway Energy

Hocken holds a high-profile role at key US player Berkshire Hathaway Energy – and, with owner Warren Buffett's mantra to do deals when others are fearful, we foresee a busy 18 months.

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**MOGENS THORNINGER**Partner, Copenhagen Infrastructure  
Partners

It has been a big 2020 for Thorninger, who became a partner at Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners in January after two decades at law firms, including 14 years at Bruun & Hjejle.

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**CHARLES SIEVING**EVP & General Counsel,  
NextEra Energy

Sieving holds one of the biggest legal jobs in wind. He is general counsel of \$115bn US giant NextEra, which owns 15GW of wind and last year teamed up with KKR in a \$900m deal.

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**JONATHON MORTON**Head of Legal, M&A,  
Ørsted

Morton appears in the top ten of the Legal Power List for a third time running after a busy period for M&A at Ørsted, during which it has bought Deepwater Wind and Lincoln Clean Energy.

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**SANTIAGO MARTINEZ GARRIDO**Director of Legal Services,  
Iberdrola

Martinez Garrido has entered the top five as legal head at giant Iberdrola, which is growing in the sectors including US offshore wind; and recently acquired Ailes Marine and Aalto Power.

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NEW ENTRY

**MATHIAS SCHRÖDER**EVP of Compliance & Legal,  
Senvion

Schröder is a new entrant for a year in which he held one of the toughest jobs in wind. He helped steer Senvion through insolvency and the sale of assets worth €200m to Siemens Gamesa.

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**DANIEL ELKORT**EVP & General Counsel,  
Pattern Energy

Elkort has broken into the top ten after a huge year for US developer Pattern Energy, during which the firm agreed a \$6.1bn buyout by the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board.

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RE-ENTRY

**ULRICH RUST**General Counsel & Head of Legal,  
RWE

Rust returns to number two in the Legal Power List following the implementation of the highly-complex €43bn between German giants RWE and E.On, which concluded in September.

NEW ENTRY

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**JÜRGEN BARTL****General Secretary & General Counsel, Siemens Gamesa**

Bartl became general secretary and general counsel of Siemens Gamesa in 2017. Before this, he was general counsel to the wind power and renewables division at Siemens.

There has been no shortage of complex legal work to get stuck into in the last 12 months.

In January, Siemens Gamesa completed the €200m acquisition of three units from insolvent rival Servion. This included a 9GW fleet of serviced wind farms in 13 European countries.

The company has also been carrying out its own restructuring in response to slimmer profit margins across the sector in the last few years. And, in February, Siemens confirmed it was set to buy Iberdrola's 8.1% stake in the business for €1.1bn. Never a dull moment.

The future looks busy too. Siemens is due to transfer its 59% stake in Siemens Gamesa to Siemens Gas & Power, which is to be spun out as a standalone company and listed later this year. With a deep Covid-led recession in prospect, we believe Bartl will need to draw on all of his 15 years' experience in advising energy and power businesses. ■

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RANK	NAME	POSITION	COMPANY
01	Jürgen Bartl	General Secretary & General Counsel	Siemens Gamesa
02	Ulrich Rust	General Counsel & Head of Legal	RWE
03	Daniel Elkort	EVP & General Counsel	Pattern Energy
04	Mathias Schröder	EVP of Compliance & Legal	Senvion
05	Santiago Martinez Garrido	Director of Legal Services	Iberdrola
06	Jonathon Morton	Head of Legal, M&A	Ørsted
07	Charles Sieving	EVP & General Counsel	NextEra Energy
08	Mogens Thorninger	Partner	Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners
09	Natalie Hocken	SVP & General Counsel	Berkshire Hathaway Energy
10	Gareth Price	Global Managing Partner	Allen & Overy
11	James Pay	Partner & Head of Global Renewables	Clifford Chance
12	Anne Lapierre	Global Head of Energy	Norton Rose Fulbright
13	James McLaren	Partner & Head of Asia Green Energy	Linklaters
14	Brendan Quinn	Partner & Head of Project Finance in Asia-Pacific	White & Case
15	Michelle Davies	Partner & International Head of Clean Energy & Sustainability	Eversheds Sutherland
16	Edward Zaelke	Partner & Head of Energy Project Finance	McDermott Will & Emery
17	Natasha Luther-Jones	Partner & Global Co-Chair of Energy & Natural Resources	DLA Piper
18	Keith Martin	Partner & Co-Head of Projects US	Norton Rose Fulbright
19	Evan Stergoulis	Partner & Co-Head of Global Renewables	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
20	Sophie Dingenen	Partner & Co-Head of International Renewables	Bird & Bird
21	James Tynion III	Partner	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
22	John Pickett	Partner & Co-Head Renewables Group	Linklaters
23	Munir Hassan	Partner & Head of Energy & Climate Change	CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang
24	Malte Jordan	Partner & Global Energy Sector Co-Head	Watson Farley & Williams
25	Eli Katz	Partner	Latham & Watkins
26	Lars Westpfahl	Partner & Head of German Restructuring & Insolvency	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
27	Matthew Buchanan	Partner	Clifford Chance
28	Minako Wakabayashi	Partner	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
29	David Wadham	Partner & Global Co-Head of Power & Utilities (APAC)	Ashurst
30	Patrick Mossler	Partner	Gleiss Lutz
31	Alyson Clark	General Counsel	GE Renewable Energy
32	Heleen Kersten	Partner	Stibbe
33	Hein Tonnaer	Partner	Clifford Chance
34	Mark Cheney	Partner	Dentons
35	Mads Bay Rasmussen	VP Head of Legal & Risk	MHI Vestas
36	Peter Østergaard Nielsen	Partner	Bech-Bruun
37	Hirofumi Taba	Partner	Linklaters
38	Indraj Mangat	Partner & Head of Global Clean Energy Project Finance	Eversheds Sutherland
39	Rob Marsh	Partner	Norton Rose Fulbright
40	Richard Coar	Partner & Co-Head of Renewables & Construction Practices	Linklaters
41	Holger Kraft	Partner	CMS Hasche Sigle
42	Clyde Rankin III	Partner	Baker McKenzie
43	Robert Schumer	Partner	Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
44	Dorothy Franzoni	Partner & Chair of US Renewables	Eversheds Sutherland
45	Mona Dajani	Partner & Head of Renewable Energy	Pillsbury
46	Scott Petepiece	Partner & Global M&A Leader	Shearman & Sterling



47	Sebastian Schneider	Partner	Hengeler Mueller
48	Martin In de Braekt	Partner & Head of Energy & Industry Group	Stibbe
49	John Marciano III	Partner & Co-Head of Global Project Finance	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
50	Elizabeth Charlesworth	Partner	Herbert Smith Freehills
51	Werner Runge	Partner	Allen & Overy
52	Carla Luh	Partner & Head of Infrastructure, Energy, Resources & Projects	Hogan Lovells
53	Paul Rice	Partner & Head of Energy	Pinsent Masons
54	Marc Vermeylen	Managing Partner & Head of Banking & Finance	Loyens & Loeff
55	Jörgen Möller	Partner & Co-Head of Physical Synergy	Cirio
56	Felix Fischer	Partner	Chatham Partners
57	Allison Land	Partner	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
58	Robert Goldberg	Partner & Co-Head of Renewable Energy	Mayer Brown
59	John Pitts	Partner	Kirkland & Ellis
60	David Burton	Partner	Norton Rose Fulbright
61	Antony Skinner	Partner & Global Co-Head of Power & Utilities (EMEA & US)	Ashurst
62	Zsuzsanna Sessel-Zsebik	Director of Legal	RWE Renewables
63	Andrea Lucan	Partner	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
64	Chris Andrew	Partner	Allen & Overy
65	Matthias Lang	Partner	Bird & Bird
66	Karen Wong	Partner	Milbank
67	José Guardo	Partner	Clifford Chance
68	Henry Stewart	Partner & Co-Head of Global Energy Group	Watson Farley & Williams
69	Durham McCormick Jr.	Partner & Co-Lead of Renewable Energy	McGuire Woods
70	Peter Ihrfelt	Partner	DLA Piper
71	Giji John	Partner	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
72	Alex Blomfield	Partner	Simmons & Simmons
73	Jonathan Melmed	Partner	King & Spalding
74	Ross Schloeffel	Partner	Linklaters
75	Jason Lovell	Partner	Eversheds Sutherland
76	Elise Zoli	Partner	Jones Day
77	Florian Degenhardt	Partner	White & Case
78	Danielle Varnell	Partner	Bracewell
79	Danielle Heath	Partner	CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang
80	Christopher Thomson	Partner	Dentons
81	Ainsley Heffernan	Partner & Head of Energy & Natural Resources	Beauchamps
82	Jens Blomgren-Hansen	Partner	Kromann Reumert
83	Noreen Phelan	Partner	Sidley Austin
84	Karol Lasocki	Partner & Head of Energy	DWF
85	Florian Mahler	Partner	Clifford Chance
86	François April	Partner	Linklaters
87	Becky Diffen	Partner	Norton Rose Fulbright
88	Dickson Chin	Partner	Jones Day
89	Chad Marriott	Partner	Stoel Rives
90	Ravinder Sandhu	Partner	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
91	Dan Chorost	Principal	Sive Paget & Riesel
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93	Joan Bondareff	Of Counsel	Blank Rome
94	Paul Mudie	Partner	Slaughter & May
95	Clare Burgess	Partner	Clifford Chance
96	Bendik Christoffersen	Partner & Head of Renewable Energy & Infrastructure	Thommessen
97	Nicholas Ross-McCall	Partner	CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang
98	Driss Bererhi	Partner	Allen & Overy
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