

Kaitlyn DeYoung

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OVERVIEW

Kaitlyn DeYoung is a partner in the firm's Energy Assets and Transactions practice group, where she serves as development counsel to clients across the power and infrastructure sectors. Kaitlyn leverages her deep knowledge of project development and strategic transactions to help clients manage risk and craft practical solutions.

She advises developers, sponsors, and financing parties throughout the full lifecycle of energy and infrastructure projects—including site control, permitting, financing, construction, operation, and the purchase and/or sale of both development and operating projects. Her experience spans a broad spectrum of energy technologies, including renewable energy, conventional power, and emerging technologies. On the infrastructure side, Kaitlyn advises on the development of energy intensive projects, such as data centers and other large-scale facilities, bringing a nuanced understanding of development and regulatory strategy.

Kaitlyn has a practical, solution-oriented approach and seamlessly coordinates across legal, commercial, and technical teams to drive projects forward efficiently and effectively.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Kaitlyn was an associate at a large U.S. law firm where she represented energy clients in a variety of development matters and complex transactions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer
  - Energy Transactions: Electric Power, 2025-2026
  - Renewable/Alternative Power, 2024-2025
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" in Kansas City, MO:
  - Corporate Law, 2026-2027

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2026-2027
- Energy Law, 2023-2027
- Real Estate Law, 2023-2027

- Recognized in Ingram's Magazine "Twenty in Their 20s in Kansas City", 2022

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Energy Bar Association - Rocky Mountain Chapter, Board Member, 2023-present
- Do Good Company, Board Member, 2019-2022
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters, 2010-2017

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Energy Bar Association, Rocky Mountain Chapter and Colorado Solar and Storage Association CLE Event, Legal Issues in Data Center Development: Land Use, Energy Supply, and Other Challenges Facing the AI Buildout, March 2026
- University of Texas Law Renewable Energy Law Essentials–Planning and Efficiency Issues with Large Volume Real Estate Transactions, February 2025
- Energy Bar Association, Rocky Mountain Chapter and Colorado Solar and Storage Association CLE Event, Renewable Energy Siting and Development Permitting, Real Estate, and Regulatory Considerations for Utility-Scale Projects, February 2024
- University of Texas Law Renewable Energy Law Essentials–Real Estate Issues for Large Loads, January 2023

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law, 2018 *(assistant articles editor, Oklahoma Law Review)*
- B.A., The University of Kansas, 2015

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Colorado
- Bar of Kansas
- Bar of Missouri

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 29 October 2026, Data Center Deep Dives: From Industrial Site to Data Center
- 7 April 2026 , Data Center Deep Dives: Navigating Power, Land, and Policy
- 16 June 2025, Request for Comments on Rulemaking to Implement Firming Reliability Requirements for Electric-Generating Facilities in the ERCOT Region Pursuant to PURA § 39.1592.

NEWS & EVENTS

- 14 January 2026, K&L Gates Advises Kyuden in its Investment in Spearmint Energy Regarding Two Battery Energy Storage Projects
- 6 January 2026, K&L Gates Names More Than 25 New Partners Across Firm
- 9 December 2025, "Under the Wire" CLE Seminar | Powering Progress: Navigating Energy Policy, Judicial Deference, and Data Center Infrastructure
- 4 October 2024, K&L Gates Advises Ørsted in Battery Energy Storage Partnership With Mission Clean Energy
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 1 May 2026, *Construction Dive* | Lessons from Maine's data center moratorium debate for construction

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy Assets and Transactions
- Construction and Infrastructure Project Funding
- Energy Finance
- ESG - Sustainability and Renewable Energy
- Land Use, Planning, and Zoning
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Real Estate Development and Construction

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Storage and Distributed Resources
- Hydrogen
- Power
- Power Generation and Transmission
- Renewables

EMERGING ISSUES

- Data Centers and Energy Intensive Infrastructure

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Renewable Power

- Represented a lender group in the more than US$20 billion financing of 10 data centers with a total capacity of over 1,300 MW in Abilene, Texas.
- Served as lender's counsel on 250 MW/1000 MWh Battery Energy Storage Facility project in Mesa, Arizona pertaining to the financing of development which includes performing review of real estate due diligence, regulatory, environmental, validation of property ownership and negotiation of other loan documents to ensure protection of lender.
- Represented a tax equity investor on 105 MW solar project located in Pennsylvania pertaining to the financing of development which includes performing review of real estate due diligence, regulatory, environmental, validation of property ownership and negotiation of other loan documents to ensure protection of lender.
- Acted as lender's counsel on 105 MWac solar energy project located in Pennsylvania pertaining to the financing of development which includes performing review of real estate due diligence, regulatory, environmental, validation of property ownership and negotiation of other loan documents to ensure protection of lender.
- Represented a lender group in US$350 million financing for an 8-building data center campus with aggregate capacity exceeding 1,200 MW in Abilene, Texas.
- Represented a lender group in US$200 million+ financing for 3-building data center campus totaling approximately 200 MW in Ellis County, Texas.
- Represented a lender group in the financing of a combined cycle gas turbine facility developed to serve a data center project located in Cypress Creek, Texas.

- Represented a data center developer in a joint venture arrangement in connection with the potential development of a 2.1 GW data center facility development in Lufkin, Texas.
- Served as tax equity investor counsel on 320 MWh batter energy storage transaction located in Texas performing comprehensive legal due diligence, including regulatory, environmental and state permitting.
- Acted as lender's counsel on 153 MW wind energy project pertaining to the financing of development which includes performing review of real estate due diligence, regulatory, environmental, validation of property ownership and negotiation of other loan documents to ensure protection of lender.
- Served as transactional counsel to Acciona in the acquisition of a portfolio of seven stand-alone battery energy storage systems in Texas.
- Served as transactional counsel to Greenbacker in the acquisition of a 58 MW wind energy project in Maine.
- Served as transactional counsel to Greenbacker in the acquisition of a combined solar and storage project in Montana.
- Served as development counsel, borrower’s counsel, and sponsor’s counsel in the development, debt, and tax equity financing of the Deerfield 2 Wind Project in Michigan.
- Served as development counsel, borrower’s counsel, and sponsor’s counsel in the development, debt, and tax equity financing of the Sandy Ridge 2 Wind Project in Pennsylvania.
- Served as counsel to the lenders for a portfolio of stand-alone battery energy storage systems in Texas.
- Served as counsel to the tax equity investors and lenders in the portfolio financing of six solar projects in Virginia and Pennsylvania.
- Served as counsel to the lenders in the back-leverage financing of a portfolio of 11 solar projects in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the approximately 150MW Carvers Creek Solar Project then under development in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 492MW Maverick Creek Wind Project in Texas.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 202MW Sugar Creek Wind Project in Illinois.
- Represented a utility company and its regulated electric utility subsidiary in the development, disposition, and build-transfer acquisition and tax equity structuring of the 300MW Kings Point and North Fork Ridge Wind Projects in Missouri.
- Represented a renewable energy developer in the development and sale of the 240MW Fort Bend Solar Project in Fort Bend County, Texas.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the acquisition and construction of a portfolio of small solar projects in Arkansas.

- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a 20MW portfolio of small solar projects in Arkansas.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a portfolio of three solar projects in New York with public university off-takers.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a portfolio of eight solar projects in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- Represented a renewable energy fund in the staged acquisition and construction of a portfolio of fifteen solar projects in Minnesota and Wisconsin.
- Advised developer with corporate reorganization and internal tax equity financing of solar assets.
- Assisted lender group with closing of US$1.4 billion development stage construction loan for 999MW wind project in Oklahoma.
- Represented a consortium of lenders with respect to the closing of a development-stage construction loan for a 200MW solar and storage project in Michigan.
- Represented a consortium of lenders with respect to the closing of a development-stage construction loan for a 105.8MW wind project in New York.
- Represented a consortium of lenders with respect to the closing of a development-stage construction loan for a 250MW wind project in Illinois.
- Represented a consortium of lenders with respect to the closing of a development-stage construction loan for a 300MW wind project in Nebraska
- Represented a consortium of lenders with respect to the closing of a development-stage construction loan for a 300MW wind project in Missouri.
- Advised tax equity investors in real estate, permitting, and regulatory matters on wind projects throughout the US including Bitter Ridge, Heart of Texas, and Bennington.
- Advised developers through development, construction, and operation of more than 10GW of renewable energy projects in 35 states.
- Advised owners through acquisition and financing of more than 50GW of renewable energy project.
- Represented lenders and tax equity investors in real estate, permitting, and other state and local matters in 42 states.