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OVERVIEW

John Northington Jr. is a government affairs advisor and a member of the Public Policy and Law practice group. John has more than a decade of public and private sector energy policy and regulatory experience. He focuses in upstream, midstream, and renewable issues including traditional oil and gas, offshore wind, carbon capture and sequestration, and hydrogen projects. From the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska, he has worked on complex matters on federal, tribal, and state lands and waters.

John concentrates on federal regulatory and policy affairs both in the Executive and Legislative branches with a particular focus on energy issues within the Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and House and Senate Committees with jurisdiction and oversight of traditional and renewable energy and natural resources related activity.

Having been involved in politics for more than 15 years he has substantial experience with local, state, and federal political campaigns. He previously served as Advisor to the Director at the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), US DOI.

He regularly engages on issues related to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA), Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and any regulation covering the exploration and production of natural resources both onshore and offshore. John has helped clients navigate complex legislative matters as well, most recently as it pertains to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

A seventh-generation Texan, John is an avid sportsman and land conservationist who spends his free time at his family's ranch in Brazoria County, Texas. He received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Coastal Carolina University

EDUCATION

- B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2009

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 22 July 2026, USGS Discovers 2.3-Million-Ton Appalachian Lithium Deposit
- 7 April 2026, Venezuela Opens Further to US Business: What the Latest US Sanctions Relief Means for Companies Evaluating the Market
- 10 March 2026, 2026 Texas Primary Election Results: How Texas Politics Impacts Your Market
- 25 August 2025, Department of the Interior Issues Flurry of Actions Targeting Wind and Solar Energy Projects
- 5 August 2025, More Federal Agencies Streamline NEPA Procedures to Expedite Review and Permitting
- 27 May 2025, Proposed Renewable Regulations in Texas Might Trigger Force Majeure and Change in Law Clauses
- May 2025, Energy Policy in the Trump Administration Webinar Series–Session 7: Renewable Energy
- May 2025, Energy Policy in the Trump Administration Webinar Series–Session 6: Critical and Fuel Minerals
- April 2025, Energy Policy in the Trump Administration Webinar Series–Session 3: Fossil Fuels
- 7 March 2025, President Trump Touts America First Energy Dominance Agenda to Congress
- 23 January 2025, Proposed Texas Senate Bills Have Potential Negative Impacts on Wind and Solar
- 22 January 2025, Trump Issues Sweeping Executive Order Declaring National Energy Emergency
- 4 November 2024, BOEM, DOD Sign MoU on Advancing Offshore Wind Development
- October 2024, 2025 Texas Legislative Preview: Power and Data Centers
- 2 May 2024, Calming the Seas for Offshore Wind: Renewable Energy Modernization Rule Seeks to Boost Regulatory and Financial Certainty for Wind on the Outer Continental Shelf

NEWS & EVENTS

- 3 January 2024, K&L Gates Adds to Public Policy and Law Practice in Houston, Washington, D.C.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 22 July 2026, *Politico Pro* | K Street girds for Democrats' oil oversight onslaught

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Trump's executive orders cause hesitation, confusion for clean energy developers," *Utility Dive*, 30 January 2025

- Quoted, "2025 Renewable Energy Outlook: Full speed ahead as second Trump administration begins," *Utility Dive*, 21 January 2025
- Quoted, "Top 5 Energy Policy Areas To Watch In 2025," *Law360*, 1 January 2025
- Quoted, "How will offshore wind fare under a second Trump term?" *Canary Media*, 13 November 2024
- Quoted, "Lawmakers Take Stab At Energy Permitting As Election Looms," *Law360*, 25 July 2024

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law

INDUSTRIES

- Critical Minerals
- Energy
- Hydrogen
- Offshore Wind Energy
- Oil and Gas