

Focused on onshore and offshore wind

Energy lawyers for the global renewable sector

Eversheds has one of the largest clean energy and sustainability legal teams in Europe, with over 90 lawyers specialising in all technologies including onshore and offshore wind, biomass and waste to energy, solar PV and thermal, biofuels, marine and CDM projects. We have advised on projects in Ireland, the UK, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Romania, the Middle East and China.

We are one of very few legal teams that have comprehensive whole project lifecycle experience in clean energy projects with recognised experts across all skill bases from real estate, planning and environmental through to supply chain, grid, PPA structures and debt and equity finance.

Wind Energy Experience in Ireland

Eversheds has **unrivalled experience** of wind farms in Ireland. On the island of Ireland we have advised on over 800mws of operational renewable energy projects both north and south of the border. Our clients include small scale developers to multi-national utilities, international power companies, infrastructure, private equity funds and banks. Projects include Boggeragh Mountain (57mw), Pallas (40mw), Kilgarvan (45mw), Midas (32.5mw), Carrowleagh (37mw), Booltiagh (19.5mw), Ballybane (30mw), GVM (43mw) and Sorne (39mw).

- **Finance:** our finance team has extensive experience of advising developers and lenders on wind projects and are fully conversant with current market terms and conditions for finance. We are well connected and networked throughout the banking community and also advise mezzanine debt providers in the sector. The team has experience of advising on equity financing and the acquisition of partial interests in development and operational projects.
- **Real Estate:** whatever the size of your project we have unparalleled knowledge and experience of the distinctive real estate aspects of onshore wind. Our real estate team includes specialist lawyers who regularly steer our onshore clients through the maze of issues that arise when assembling a wind farm project site. Due to the number of projects we have helped clients to piece together we have built relationships with most of the large land bank owners and a great number of local solicitors throughout the country.



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- **Planning:** our planning team has extensive onshore wind energy experience and advises on all aspects of the planning process. The team's scope includes environmental impact assessment reviews, project and appeal process management, advice relating to complex site issues such as noise, ecology and aviation. We have also brought successful judicial review proceedings in the planning and regulatory environment.
- **Construction:** our construction team has unparalleled onshore experience advising major utilities and independents on turbine procurement and operational and maintenance issues. We have advised on the procurement of turbines from all the leading turbine manufacturers.
- **Regulatory:** our regulatory team frequently advises on grid and other regulatory issues affecting the onshore sector covering all aspects of supply and grid connection. We have also advised clients in the relation to the section 34 dispute resolution process. Our team has substantial experience of power purchase agreements.
- **Policy:** the team is actively involved in policy and sits on various industry groups focused on onshore wind, including the Irish Wind Energy Association, Northern Ireland Renewable Industry Group and the British Irish Chamber of Commerce.
- **Structures:** our team has significant experience of advising on all aspects of joint ventures, co-development agreements, deferred consideration structures and tax-based schemes including BES and EII. Our integrated team has a wealth of experience and provides developers a full service whatever the size of your project.
- **Dispute resolution:** our specialist dispute resolution team has extensive experience in handling disputes within the energy and natural resources sector, including high-value complex disputes. We have advised on a wide range of disputes including issues such as gearbox and foundation defects, shareholder disputes and disputes over access. We also provide comprehensive advice on noise and nuisance. We advise on proactive management of disputes, adding value through our intimate knowledge of the relevant contract forms including FIDIC, MF1 and bespoke contracts. We have extensive expertise in all dispute resolution techniques from arbitration and litigation to alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Independent comment

“Interviewees cite the team’s industry knowledge, partner-led service and client focused approach as particular strengths.”

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