



## John C. Crossley

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## OVERVIEW

John Crossley is the lead practice area leader of the firm's Energy, Infrastructure, and Resources practice. He focuses on advising clients in the development, acquisition, and sale of renewable energy projects across the United States. His work spans the full project lifecycle—from site acquisition and permitting to project and portfolio transactions, including tax equity and debt financing. John represents both sponsors and financing parties in wind, solar, battery energy storage, carbon capture, hydrogen, and other clean energy infrastructure transactions.

In addition to his core energy practice, John advises clients on the development of data centers, including hyperscale facilities, and other energy-intensive infrastructure. These projects benefit from his combined experience in energy law, real estate, and M&A, allowing him to guide clients through site acquisition and development, leasing, energy procurement, and regulatory strategy for complex infrastructure developments.

With over 20 years of experience, John has worked on billions of dollars in energy and infrastructure projects, delivering tens of gigawatts of power. He understands the challenges and opportunities that come with developing large-scale energy assets and leads teams of experienced attorneys who support clients through every phase of their projects.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, John was a partner for a large, US firm, representing energy clients in complex transactions.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers Global* for Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy, USA-Nationwide, 2026
- Missouri Lawyers Media, "Power List 2025," Environmental Attorney, 2025
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* in USA - Nationwide
  - Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy, 2025

- Real Estate Law, 2010-2013
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer
  - Renewable/Alternative Power, 2024-2025
  - Energy Transactions: Electric Power, 2024-2025
  - Energy Litigation: Electric Power, 2024
  - Energy Regulation: Electric Power, 2024
- The *Best Lawyers in America*®, Real Estate Law, 2015-2023
- Ingram's magazine 40 Under Forty, 2012
- Missouri Lawyers Weekly, "Up & Coming Lawyer," 2011
- Listed to the Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for Real Estate, 2009

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Carriage Club Board of Directors, 2017-2019
- Brush Creek Community Partners, Board of Directors, 2008-2013
- Kansas City Mayor-Elect Sly James' transition team, 2011
- Kansas City Youth Hockey Association, 2010-present

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Hydrogen Energy: Unique Considerations for Transaction Documents," Renewable Energy Law Institute, 30 January 2024

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Washington University School of Law, 1999 (*Journal of Urban & Contemporary Law*, articles editor, 1997-1999)
- B.A., Southern Illinois University, 1994
- M.A., Southern Illinois University, 1996

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Missouri

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 26 January 2026, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 13
- 6 October 2025, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 12
- 23 September 2025, Power and Protection: Navigating CFIUS and Foreign Ownership Risks in Renewable Projects
- August 2025, How the New Beginning of Construction Rules Will Impact Wind and Solar Projects
- 18 August 2025, IRS Notice 2025-42: What Renewable Developers Need to Know on Beginning of Construction Rules
- 23 July 2025, Navigating the One Big Beautiful Bill Act: Critical Updates to Clean Energy Credits
- June 2025, Changes to Energy Policy and Energy Tax Incentives in the House Reconciliation Bill
- 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 5: Electricity, Transmission, and Data Centers
- 6 May 2025, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 11
- 17 January 2025, Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service Issue Final Regulations on Section 45V Clean Hydrogen Production Tax Credit
- 8 January 2025, Carbon Quarterly–Volume 10
- December 2024, Energy Policy Under Full Republican Control
- November 2024, Clouds on the Horizon? CFPB, FTC, and State AG's Signal Increased Focus on Solar Lending Practices
- 21 August 2024, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 9
- 30 April 2024, Carbon Quarterly – Volume 8
- 12 May 2023, Full of Hot Air? EPA Tries Again to Impose Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards on Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [“Going Nuclear: Industry Outlook and Issues,”](#) *Pratt's Energy Law Report*, October 2025

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 7 April 2026, Data Center Deep Dives: Navigating Power, Land, and Policy

- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices*
- 2 February 2026, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Recognized on *Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyers List*
- 14 January 2026, K&L Gates Advises Kyuden in its Investment in Spearmint Energy Regarding Two Battery Energy Storage Projects
- 17 November 2025, K&L Gates Bolsters Maritime Practice With Addition of Former US Navy Officer in New York
- 9 September 2025, K&L Gates Adds Nuclear Regulatory Lawyer in Washington, DC
- 28 April 2025, K&L Gates Bolsters Energy, Infrastructure, and Resources Practice With Melbourne Partner
- 24 February 2025, K&L Gates Enhances Energy, Infrastructure, and Resources Practice With Washington, D.C., Partner
- 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
- 24 May 2022, K&L Gates Adds Four-Partner, Multi-Office Premier Renewable Energy Team

## OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, [“International law firm names a new managing partner in Kansas City,”](#) *Kansas City Business Journal*, 20 November 2025
- Quoted, [“DOE’s Data Center Proposal May Spark Grid Policy Turf War,”](#) *Law360*, 29 October 2025
- Quoted, [“Trump, Congress further chill offshore wind industry,”](#) *The New Bedford Light*, 21 July 2025

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Power
- Construction and Infrastructure Project Funding
- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Energy Finance
- Energy Storage and Distributed Resources
- ESG - Sustainability and Renewable Energy
- Hydrogen
- Land Use, Planning, and Zoning

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Real Estate Development and Construction
- Renewables

## INDUSTRIES

- Carbon Solutions
- Energy
- Nuclear Energy
- Power Generation and Transmission

## EMERGING ISSUES

- Data Centers and Energy Intensive Infrastructure

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 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.
- Represented a global renewable energy developer, owner, and operator in the acquisition of a portfolio of large-scale battery energy storage systems throughout the United States.
- Represented the client in the acquisition, development, construction, and financing of the 58.8 MW Moscow Wind Project in Maine.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$264 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 135 MW Flat Ridge IV Wind Project in Kansas.
- Represented the lenders with respect to the US\$104 million financing of a stand-alone storage project in Texas.
- Represented the lenders with respect to the \$150 million financing of a stand-alone storage project in Texas.
- Represented the client in the acquisition, development, construction, and financing of a portfolio of community solar projects in Illinois.
- Represented the client in the acquisition, development, construction, and financing of a portfolio of 10-50 MW solar projects in Illinois.

- Represented client with respect to their tax equity investment in a portfolio of three stand alone battery energy storage systems in Texas.
- Represented client with respect to their tax equity investment in a portfolio of eight 20-150 MW solar projects in Pennsylvania and Virginia.
- Represented client with respect to their tax equity investment in a 200 MW solar project in Texas.
- Represented client with respect to their tax equity investment in a repowered 70 MW wind project in Pennsylvania.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$395 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 300 MW Hardin III Solar Project in Ohio.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$367 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 200 MW Diversion Wind Project in Texas.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$338 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 250 MW Fairbanks Solar Energy Center in Indiana.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$1.14 billion construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 598 MW Wagon Wheel Wind Project in Oklahoma.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$506 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 300 MW Split Rail Solar Project in Missouri.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$504 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 204 MW Top Hat Wind Project in Illinois.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$308 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 189 MW Pixley Solar Project in Kansas.
- Represented client with respect to its US\$264 million construction loan to an Invenergy subsidiary in respect of the 135 MW Flat Ridge IV Wind Project in Kansas.
- Served as transactional counsel to Acciona in the acquisition of a portfolio of seven standalone 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 standalone 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 renewable energy developer/owner in its acquisition of the 369 MW solar project under development in Illinois.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the approximately 150 MW Dickerson Creek Solar Project under development in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the approximately 150 MW Carvers Creek Solar Project then under development in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the 80 MW Altavista Solar Project then under development in Virginia.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 492 MW Maverick Creek Wind Project in Texas.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 202 MW 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 300 MW Kings Point and North Fork Ridge Wind Projects in Missouri.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of a development-stage wind project in Pennsylvania.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of a development-stage wind project in California.
- Represented Algonquin Power Co. in the tax equity financing of its 10 MW Bakersfield II solar energy facility in California.
- Represented Algonquin Power in its acquisition of the Great Bay Solar Project then under development in Maryland.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 149 MW Deerfield Wind Project in Michigan.
- Represented Algonquin Power Co. in the tax equity financing of its 20 MW Bakersfield I solar energy facility in California.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, development, construction loan financing, and tax equity financing of the 200 MW Odell Wind Farm in Minnesota.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the US\$149 million acquisition of a 109 MW operating wind energy facility in Illinois that had been developed and constructed by the facility's turbine manufacturer.

- Represented renewable energy developer in the acquisition of the 150+ MW Route 66 construction-ready wind energy project in Texas.
- Represented NV Energy in a groundbreaking transaction with Apple Inc. for the partnered development between the utility and its customer for a 20 MW solar energy facility in Nevada.
- Represented Algonquin Power in the acquisition, tax equity financing, and secured energy hedging transactions for a 400 MW, three-project portfolio of wind power facilities in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Texas.
- Represented a utility company in its US\$2.3 billion acquisition of a publicly traded, regulated, electric and gas public utility operating primarily in Missouri.
- Represented a renewable energy developer in the development and sale of the 137 MW Grizzly Ridge Solar Project in Hamilton County, Texas.
- Represented a renewable energy developer in the development and sale of the 240 MW Fort Bend Solar Project in Fort Bend County, Texas.
- Represented a renewable energy developer in the joint venture and development of a 500 MW solar project constructed over a fishery in Taiwan.
- Represented a renewable energy and data center developer in the joint venture and funding of a hyperscale data center in Remington, Virginia.
- 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 20 MW 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.
- Represented a consortium of lenders with respect to the closing of a development-stage US\$1.4 billion construction loan for a 999 MW wind project in Oklahoma.
- Advised developers through development, construction, and operation of more than 10 GW of renewable energy projects in 35 states.
- Advised owners through acquisition and financing of more than 50 GW of renewable energy projects.
- Represented lenders and tax equity investors in real estate, permitting, and other state and local matters in 42 states.

- Represented a publicly traded REIT in the purchase of a subsea, midstream pipeline system, and related onshore facilities in Louisiana for US\$245 million and a related leaseback transaction.