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OVERVIEW

Mara helps clients navigate renewable energy projects from idea to commercial operation.

Developers, investors, and lenders rely on Mara's guidance in the development, acquisition, and funding of wind, solar, and battery storage projects nationwide. As part of the firm's Energy & Natural Resources team, Mara prepares and negotiates wind, solar, and battery storage leases and other transaction and financing documents; advises clients on related real estate and land use issues; and has a broad range of experience in developing, funding, and financing projects. While her practice is primarily real estate and development focused, Mara is also experienced at drafting power purchase agreements, energy storage services agreements, and other offtake agreements.

Mara first began her career in traditional commercial real estate but soon began to focus on the renewable energy industry. She finds it immensely rewarding to be part of the massive energy transition happening worldwide, and she loves the complexity of such a rapidly growing and changing area of law. Mara is particularly focused on greenfield development, and she thrives on the challenge of project development on sites with environmental issues, prior or current mineral activity, or other constraints that add an extra layer of complexity.

Mara is known as a highly business-minded attorney: prior to rejoining the firm in 2024, she served as in-house commercial counsel for a solar and battery storage developer. The experience gave her an inside view of the business needs underlying clients'

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Corporate Real Estate Energy Storage Land Use Real Estate Investment Solar Energy Wind Energy

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plans and priorities, as well as how outside counsel can best offer support.

Case Studies

Moving Harris Park Midtown Sports & Activity Center From Vision to Reality

Our team helped bring a sports-themed development project in Kansas City's urban core to fruition.

Hunt Development Group

Our P3 team assisted the client in crafting a winning bid to develop a 430,000-square-foot civil and family courthouse facility to replace the Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse.

Education

- J.D., University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law
 - o summa cum laude
 - o UMKC Law Review, Literary Editor
- B.A., Syracuse University
 - o Classics

Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- Massachusetts

Clerkship

The Hon. Thomas Malone, Kansas Court of Appeals