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OVERVIEW

With a hands-on industry background as a landman, Casey represents renewable energy developers in real estate transactions, specializing in the often-complex intersection of oil and gas, coal development, and solar projects. She practices from Bridgeport, West Virginia.

Casey manages a wide range of real estate needs, including performing due diligence reviews of wind and solar projects; negotiating and drafting leases, easements, and option agreements; and reviewing and revising purchase and sale agreements and disclosure schedules. Clients regularly rely on her for oil and gas lease and well data analysis, joint use agreements, and clearing title curative tasks related to minerals for wind, solar, and battery storage projects throughout the United States.

Casey's legal career began with a diverse array of real estate and mineral projects, such as the 2017 corporate spin-off of the natural gas arm from a 150-year-old bituminous coal company, compressor stations, interstate natural gas pipelines, hotels, mixed-use developments, senior living and assisted care facilities, affordable housing, commercial and industrial buildings, and major hospital systems in West Virginia, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Her experience as a contract landman during the initial Marcellus Shale boom and her exceptional ability to resolve title issues and handle complex easements quickly set her apart. An adept researcher, she excels at uncovering the root of problems and devising effective solutions.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Energy Storage

Solar Energy

Wind Energy

Drawn to the firm's industry-focused structure and its renowned Energy & Natural Resources group, Casey joined Husch Blackwell in 2023 to focus her real estate practice on the renewable energy sector. Often referred to as the best of both worlds, Casey is known for her unique combination of hands-on experience in traditional energy, legal knowledge, and passion for renewables. Clients value her practical knowledge of the energy industry and her gift for providing solutions to complex problems with equal parts kindness and determination.

Experience

- Drafted loan agreements and supplementary closing documents for real estate and energy asset-backed financing, including syndicated loan agreements and ground lease financing.
- Assisted with Low-Income Housing Tax Credit developments, Tax Increment Financing, Neighborhood Improvement Districts, and Historical Tax Credit financing.
- Managed and instructed review teams for due diligence projects, including one that spanned two states and involved over 100 parcels of land for an affiliation of a national healthcare system.
- Drafted and reviewed deeds, affidavits, reciprocal access agreements, and other title curative matters for renewable energy clients, commercial real estate developers, and REITs nationwide.
- Conducted comprehensive reviews and analysis of title commitments, deeds, easements, reciprocal access agreements, covenants and restrictions, leases, and surveys to assess their alignment with the intended clients' use of properties across multiple industries.
- Prepared title objection letters and provided valuable support in the drafting and negotiation of purchase and sale agreements.
- Reviewed diverse due diligence materials for equity transfers, affiliations, purchases and sales, real estate financing, and renewable energy transactions, pertaining to corporate formation, real estate title, construction, property management, and preferred equity.
- Analyzed local land use and zoning ordinances to ensure compliance.
- Represented pro-bono client in appeal for Army Corps of Engineers shoreline use permit.

Experience

- Prepared environmental indemnity agreements for financing compromised sites, including a former CERCLA site.
- Successfully managed a REIT acquisition of nursing home facilities.

Education

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law
 - *cum laude*
 - Emphasis in Environmental and Energy Law
- B.S., West Virginia University

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- West Virginia

Casey is associated with the Washington, DC office for telephone and mail purposes only. She is not admitted to practice in District of Columbia.

*Casey works remotely and is licensed in West Virginia, practicing in Bridgeport, WV. Contact Casey via email or telephone for in-person/virtual meetings. Use our Washington, DC office address for mail/deliveries only.