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#### **Education**

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1990 *cum laude*)

B.S., United States Naval Academy, 1982 (with distinction)

## **Bar Admissions**

District of Columbia

New Mexico

New York

Lance Brasher is a corporate attorney concentrating in M&A, tax equity, financing and development transactions involving energy, infrastructure and critical minerals assets in the United States and around the world. He previously served as global head of Skadden's Energy and Infrastructure Projects Group.

Mr. Brasher advises strategic investors, developers, borrowers, tax equity, funds, lenders and utilities in all phases of their renewable energy generation projects; gas power generation, electric transmission and distribution assets; LNG and pipelines; hydrogen and ammonia projects; carbon capture facilities; critical minerals projects; EV charging; and transportation, water and sports infrastructure.

Mr. Brasher has been repeatedly recognized as a leading lawyer by publications such as *Chambers Global* and *Chambers USA*, where he is noted for his "great breadth of knowledge in the renewables industry" as well as "enviable strength in matters pertaining to traditional power and infrastructure projects." In addition, clients tell *Chambers* he "knows the energy and power sector inside and out, so he is well versed in current trends and external disrupters in the industry." Mr. Brasher also has been recognized by the *Latin Lawyer 250* for his work on energy and infrastructure projects in Latin America and by *Best Lawyers in America*, which named him its 2024 and 2019 Washington, D.C. Project Finance Law Lawyer of the Year. In addition, he has been repeatedly named one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Energy Lawyers.

Representative transactions include:

- 8point3 Energy Partners in connection with its \$775 million term loan and revolving credit facilities
- Bank of New York Mellon in:
  - a \$400 million tax equity investment in four wind projects owned by EDPR
  - a tax equity investment in a 300 MW portfolio of solar projects
  - a tax equity investment associated with the repowering of three wind projects owned by Enel
- EDF Renewable Energy in the merger of its affiliate and groSolar, a developer and construction contractor of solar projects
- EDPR in:
  - the acquisition of a majority interest in the distributed solar platform of C2 Energy Capital
  - securing \$400 million of tax equity financing for the 200 MW Meadow Lake VI and 199 MW Prairie Queen wind power generation facilities
- Elementl Power in its strategic agreement with Google to develop advanced nuclear projects
- Emera Energy in the sale of its 49% interest in a 419 MW portfolio of wind projects
- Enel in the:
  - merger of its affiliate and EnerNOC, a leading provider of demand response energy services for utility, commercial and industrial customers
  - acquisition of eMotorWerks, an internet-of-things platform for the smart management of EV charging and other distributed energy storage facilities
  - sale to GE of a 50% interest in a 760 MW portfolio of wind, solar, geothermal and

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hydroelectric power projects, and related joint ownership arrangements

- respective sales to Harbert and Hull Street of wind and hydroelectric projects
- a leading tax equity investor in connection with three tax equity investments in solar, wind and solar with battery storage projects
- First Solar in connection with, among others, the:
  - · sale of its development business to Leeward
  - merger of 8point3 Energy Partners, owner of a 964 MW portfolio of solar projects, and a fund managed by Capital Dynamics for \$1.7 billion (enterprise value)
  - tax equity investment by JPMorgan, sale to EDF Renewable Energy and construction of the Switch Station solar project
  - sale to a fund managed by Capital Dynamics and construction of the 280 MW California Flats solar project
  - tax equity investment by GE and and institutional investors, sale to a fund managed by Capital Dynamics and construction of the 250 MW Moapa solar project
  - tax equity financing investment by State Street and construction of the 40 MW Kingbird solar project
  - formation and \$420 million IPO of 8point3 Energy Partners, a joint venture yieldco with SunPower
  - \$1.46 billion financing, construction and sale to NextEra and GE of the 550 MW Desert Sunlight solar project
  - \$646 million financing, construction and sale to Exelon of the 230 MW Antelope Valley Solar Ranch One solar project
  - \$967 million financing, construction and sale to NRG Energy of the 290 MW Agua Caliente solar project
- MN8 Energy in its formation and multiple private placement financings
- the underwriters, including Credit Suisse and Merrill Lynch, in the \$92 million IPO of common stock of SolarCity
- InterGen in its:
  - sale of its CCGT, gas, wind and transmission businesses in Mexico to Actis for \$1.3 billion (enterprise value)
  - acquisition joint venture with IEnova and construction financing for a 155 MW wind project in Mexico
  - \$1.8 billion refinancing of its senior secured debt and revolving credit facilities
  - refinancing of the Millmerran Power Station in Australia

- \$1.75 billion sale by Shell and Bechtel, including 7,800 MW of power plants in Europe, Asia, Mexico and Australia
- a Korean conglomerate in its acquisition and financing of:
  - an interest in a development stage gas-to-liquids project in Arkansas
  - an interest in a development stage NGL pipeline in Texas and New Mexico
  - portfolio of solar with storage and standalone battery storage projects
- Mizuho in connection with the project financing of the 242 MW Birchwood coal-fired power station
- NextEra in the formation and \$467 million IPO of NextEra Energy Partners, owner of solar, wind and other renewable energy assets
- NorthWestern Energy in its \$900 million acquisition of a 633 MW portfolio of 11 hydroelectric facilities, a related bridge financing and \$450 million bond financing
- NV Energy in the:
  - joint ownership with LS Power, financing and capacity use arrangements for the One Nevada Transmission Line
  - acquisitions of the Bighorn, Silverhawk and Lenzie gas-fired power projects totaling approximately 2,400 MW
  - construction of the Lenzie, Tracy, Clark and Harry Allen gas-fired generating stations, aggregating approximately 3 GW
- PensionDanmark in the acquisition from E.ON of an interest in a 430 MW portfolio of U.S. wind farms and in related joint ownership and private placement financing arrangements
- Pure Lithium in its joint development agreement with E3 Lithium
- Quantum Utility Generation in the construction and sale of the Passadumkeag wind farm
- Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners in its \$1 billion sale of Scout Clean Energy to Brookfield Renewable
- Samchully in its acquisition from Marathon Oil of an interest in a gas processing plant
- Standard Lithium in connection with:
  - its development of lithium extraction projects
  - its strategic partnership with LANXESS Corp.
  - the sale of a 45% equity interest in its southwest Arkansas and east Texas lithium extraction projects to Equinor
- SunEast Renewables in connection with the sale of a 600 MW solar development project portfolio

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- the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in financings under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
- the U.S. Department of Transportation in various financings under the TIFIA and RRIF programs run by the Build America Bureau
- AEI in its \$1.5 billion term and revolving loan facility, and in financings relating to AEI's acquisition of interests in Luz del Sur of Peru, Chilquinta of Chile, Promigas of Colombia and Del Sur of El Salvador
- Prisma Energy in its \$2.7 billion sale to AEI, including a related \$1 billion financing of Prisma
- Enron in the formation of Prisma Energy, into which Enron transferred its interest in 15 power generation, electricity distribution and natural gas services businesses located in Latin America, Europe and Asia
- banks and other lenders in the financings of FedEx Field for the Washington Redskins, the Nashville Predators' National Hockey League franchise and Invesco Field for the Denver Broncos
- Dabhol Power Company in the development and \$2.9 billion financing of its proposed 2,450 MW power project and LNG regasification facility located in India

Following graduation from the United States Naval Academy, Mr. Brasher was an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving three years on the USS Harry W. Hill, a navy destroyer, and two years as an economist and operations analyst with the Center for Naval Analyses.