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Governance
Inflation Reduction Act of
2022 (IRA) Resource
Sustainability and
Decarbonization

EXPERIENCE

Jaron Goddard is an associate in the Seattle office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she is a member of the firm's energy and climate solutions practice. She works on a broad range of project development, financing, regulatory, and policy issues affecting the solar, wind, hydroelectric, energy storage, energy efficiency, distributed energy resources, electric vehicle, and other renewable energy industries. Jaron combines a diverse experience as a clean energy lawyer, former U.S. Senate staff counsel involved in negotiating and drafting provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), and strong industry background to create solutions for her clients engaged in the clean energy transition and navigating a constantly evolving international, federal, and state legal and regulatory landscape.

Prior to joining the firm, Jaron served as chief counsel and climate policy advisor to Assistant Majority Leader Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) in Washington, D.C. In this role, she counseled Senator Murray on energy and environmental matters as a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Working in collaboration with White House and federal agency counterparts, Jaron played a key role as a U.S. Senate staffer during the negotiations of Build Back Better, which became the IRA upon passage.

In addition, she worked on the Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA), National Defense Authorization Acts, and annual appropriations bills. She led efforts on behalf of the senator to secure billions of dollars across a broad range of matters, including Congressionally directed spending for renewable energy and transmission projects, defense nuclear clean-up, advanced nuclear, low-income electric and water utility assistance, and grid storage development and modernization.

In particular, Jaron led the development of the Clean School Bus Act on behalf of Senator Murray in the 117th Congress, which was successfully included in the IIJA; this bill authorized a new, five-billion-dollar program at the Environmental Protection Agency to spur the nationwide transition of nearly 500,000 diesel school buses to EVs.

Jaron also led the senator's federal judicial nominations work. In doing so, she led a novel selection process for the senator that was heralded by the [House Judiciary Committee](#) and [CNN](#) as a nationwide model. Jaron managed the appointment of the 10-member merit selection committee, background investigations of judicial candidates, selection process in conjunction with the White House Counsel's office, and successful Senate confirmation of these candidates. This nominations work included the successful selection and confirmation of ten federal district court and court of appeals judges.

Jaron's pro bono practice consists of assisting clean energy industry associations with a wide array of legislative and regulatory matters, from interconnection reform to low-income energy efficiency rebates, to counseling U.S. state energy offices and green banks on clean energy financing structures and transactions and advising an international non-profit on the creation of Energy Attribute Certificates under the I-REC Standard to finance clean energy projects internationally.

During law school, Jaron was appointed by Washington state Governor Inslee to the University of Washington Board of Regents, where she oversaw a \$7.6 billion dollar budget, capital expenditures, bonds, mergers and acquisitions, and federal, state, and local compliance obligations. Before law school, Jaron worked as a consultant to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala as a food security and sustainability volunteer.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2019
University of Washington Office of the President Full-Tuition Merit Scholarship
- M.P.A., University of Washington Evans School of Public Policy and Governance
Master's Capstone Project: "Financial Implications of Direct Bank Lending and Carbon Emissions Trading: Analysis and Recommendations for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board."
- B.S., Political Science and International Relations, Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University
Dean's List

Associations and Memberships

- Board Member, Distributed Wind Energy Association
- Member, American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources
- Member, American Bar Association Section of Infrastructure and Regulated Industries
- Member, Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy (WRISE)

Honors

- *Puget Sound Business Journal's* "Next Generation in Law," May 2023 honoree

Admissions

- State Bar of Washington

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Contributor, "The Legal Basis for Renewable Energy Certificates," Center for Resource Solutions, April 2023
- "Claiming the Domestic Content Bonus Credit under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022," Wilson Sonsini White Paper, August 20, 2023
- "Solar, Wind, and Energy Storage Incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022," Wilson Sonsini White Paper, August 20, 2023
- "Opportunities for Financing Renewable Energy Projects Using the Direct Pay and Transferability Regimes under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022," Wilson Sonsini White Paper, August 20, 2023
- Contributor, "Advanced Energy Provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022," Advanced Energy United (formerly Advanced Energy Economy), August 15, 2022
- "Understanding and Unlocking the IRA and Clean Energy & Climate Solutions Federal Funding Opportunities," Wilson Sonsini White Paper, August 17, 2022

Jaron has been interviewed for and quoted in numerous publications, including *Law360*, *Energy News Network*, *Canary Media*, *Bloomberg*, *Seattle Times*, and *Crosscut Media*.

Select Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "The Role of Renewable Energy in Emerging Regulatory Reporting and Claims Guidance," Center for Resource Solutions Renewable Energy Markets Conference, September 20, 2023
- Panelist, "The Legal Basis for Renewable Energy Certificates," Center for Resource Solutions, July 12, 2023
- Moderator, "Direct Pay and Other Tax Opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act for Early-Stage Entrepreneurs," Stanford Law School, Lawyers for a Sustainable Economy Initiative, September 27, 2023
- Panelist, "Elective Pay & Tax Incentives Under the IRA: The What, When, and How: Legal Primer No. 1," Lawyers for Good Government, August 9, 2023
- Speaker, "Navigating U.S. Energy Tax Credits and Incentives in a Changing Policy Landscape," Wood Mackenzie, April 12, 2023

- Speaker, “Ask Us Anything: The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022,” Advanced Energy United (formerly Advanced Energy Economy), August 4, 2022
- Panelist, “Pathways to the Bench: Judicial Nominations 101,” Alliance for Justice, October 18, 2023