As the world's largest, most capital-intensive industry, energy is a vital resource to manufacturing, transportation, and domestic life. Energy also powers the devices and services driving technology, communication, and innovation. Due to its inherent importance and global scale, the energy sector remains a highly regulated market in which monopolistic utilities operate alongside large-scale energy producers, suppliers, and equipment providers. Indeed, with greater scale and promise come great complexities.

Wilson Sonsini has built a sophisticated energy practice anchored by experienced, creative attorneys who represent more than 300 industry clients. Wilson Sonsini represents emerging renewable energy companies, mature enterprises developing large-scale infrastructure projects, and public companies involved in substantial energy initiatives. Wilson Sonsini also represents leading venture capital and private equity firms, energy project investors, and lenders involved in commercializing energy innovations and project finance.

Wilson Sonsini has represented leading solar industry companies, like Solar City, Sunrun, and NRG, as well as the lenders and investors that finance them.

**Power**

Our power clients develop and finance major electric power projects, including traditional thermal generation (coal and gas-fired) and renewable energy production (such as solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, waste-to-energy, natural gas, cleaner coal, and hydrokinetic, as well as fuel cell and energy storage facilities).
In addition to completing debt and equity financings for independent power project developers, sponsors, and financing entities, we also provide strategic counsel on all aspects of electric power energy transactions, project development and construction, and state and federal regulations.

**Fuels and Chemicals**

Just as the electric power industry has undergone radical transformation, the fuels and chemicals industries now are reinventing themselves. From corn-based ethanol to true drop-in fuels and petroleum-based industrial chemicals to bio-based chemicals, advanced fuels and chemicals are a growing force in the marketplace and financial sector. Our attorneys have been leaders in these industries for more than a decade, representing companies, investors, lenders, and strategic partners in some of the most significant transactions in the United States. We also represent companies and their financiers in connection with financing, grant, and off-take opportunities with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Defense, and Energy, as well as state-level opportunities.

The attorneys and other professionals in the firm's energy practice focus on several areas, including:

- Emerging Companies
- Energy and Infrastructure
- Finance and Structured Finance
- Patents and Innovations
- Private Equity
- Tax and Tax Equity

With more than 850 attorneys, Wilson Sonsini provides comprehensive representation to energy clients in a broad range of areas, including:

- Antitrust
- Corporate Governance
- Employee Benefits and Compensation
- Employment Litigation
- Finance and Structured Finance
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Regulatory and Compliance
- Tax and Tax Equity
- Technology Transactions