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EXPERIENCE

Ethan L. Miller is an associate in the San Francisco office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he focuses on clean energy, renewable energy, and climate technology law. Ethan advises clients on a wide range of issues affecting the solar, battery storage, hydrogen, fusion energy, biomass, renewable energy credit (REC) market, data center, and carbon removal sectors. He has significant experience in both energy project development and venture capital financings. His practice frequently covers the regulatory and commercial matters essential to the clean energy transition, including power purchase agreements (PPAs), interconnection agreements (IAs), and analysis of FERC and state public utilities commission (PUC) regulations.

Ethan also represents start-ups and investors in the emerging companies and venture capital (ECVC) space, particularly in clean energy and climate tech. He guides clients through venture financings, including equity raises and convertible instruments (notes, warrants, SAFEs), and strategic commercial contracts. He counsels founders and management teams on entity formation, corporate governance, restricted stock purchases, stock options, and equity incentive plans, and he frequently prepares board and stockholder consents, board minutes, and other governance documents.

Ethan's clients include renewable energy developers, corporate REC offtakers, cleantech venture investors, first-of-a-kind (FOAK) start-ups, and clean energy companies at all stages of growth. Ethan has advised on some of the most innovative transactions in the sector, including biochar offtake agreements, fusion energy financings, portfolio-level solar M&A deals, clean energy powered data centers, and the governance of companies pioneering green steel, EV charging software, maritime electrification, iron-based flow batteries, and biodegradable plastics.

Prior to joining the firm, Ethan served as co-president of the Berkeley Energy & Resources Collaborative (BERC) at UC Berkeley. He also provides pro bono legal support for eligible individuals seeking asylum. He holds a certificate of specialization from Berkeley Law in Energy and Clean Technology Law.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., UC Berkeley School of Law, 2024
Co-President, BERC; President, BERC Law; Research Lead, Clean Energy Leaders in Law; General Member, Ecology Law Quarterly; Certificate in Energy and Clean Technology Law
- B.A., Public Policy, Duke University, 2019

Admissions

- State Bar of California