

Brian R. Chappell

Partner

Baltimore

Biography

Brian Chappell has been an active part of the ever-evolving energy industry for over 25 years. As Global Co-Head of the Energy and Natural Resources industry sector, Brian continues to drive innovation in the energy industry.

Brian has been a registered professional engineer since 1996. His background as an electrical engineer allows him to bring a rare perspective to the table with insight and experience to assist clients in solving commercial, technical, and legal challenges in order to successfully achieve their goals – whether it is an M&A transaction involving an international portfolio of assets, structuring new and innovative joint ventures, investments in new technologies, or the development and financing of energy projects in emerging markets.

Brian is listed in *Chambers Global, Projects, Chambers USA, Projects*, and *Legal 500 US, Energy*. The *Chambers Global Guide* notes that Brian's clients have described him as "hard-working, responsive and he doesn't over-lawyer the deal."

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Brian spent 10 years in the electric utility industry holding a variety of positions, including Director of System and Reliability Planning and Director of Contract Administration for BGE.

Representative experience



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Practices

Capital Markets

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Joint Ventures

Mergers and Acquisitions

Industries

Manufacturing and Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Commodities Trading

Distressed Asset Management,
Refinancing, and Restructuring

Representing clients in connection with the purchase, sale, development, and financing of over 25,000 MWs of wind and solar projects.

Representing clients in the financing of over US\$3bn of renewable energy projects.

Representing Harbert Power, UBS, and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company as co-investors in connection with the acquisition and financing of 13 operating natural gas power plants.

Representing a leading energy storage developer in connection with equity investor and joint venture arrangements regarding energy storage projects located throughout the United States.

Representing NextEra Energy in the auction and sale of a 2,200 MW portfolio of natural gas generation facilities.

Representing Gulf Pacific Power as a majority equity investor for a portfolio of over 800 MW of wind energy projects located in the United States and Canada.

Representing Exelon Corporation in connection with a strategic equity investment in a portfolio of 75 fuel cell projects.

Representing SolarCity in connection with the acquisition of a 100 MW portfolio of community solar projects.

Awards and rankings

- Finance: Project Finance, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2021
- Energy: Renewable/Alternative Power, *Legal 500 US*, 2013-2018, 2020-2021
- Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2011-2015

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Sojitz Corporation on its joint venture with Braskem S.A.
- Hogan Lovells Publications

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Supply Chain

Infrastructure/Energy M&A and Joint Ventures

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Hydrogen

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law, with honors, 1999

B.S.E.E., University of Maryland, 1990

Memberships

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Maryland State Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Maryland

- Offshore Wind Worldwide - Regulatory framework in selected countries
- Insights and Analysis
 - Energy Transition Handbook
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Offshore wind worldwide – Regulatory framework in selected countries
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - The Energy Act of 2020 revitalizes and reforms the DOE Loan Guarantee Program
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - DOE identifies foreign adversaries, seeks input on securing the U.S. bulk-power system