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Key Experience

- Focuses on domestic infrastructure and renewable energy projects.
- Represents developers, sponsors, tax-equity investors, lenders and other stakeholders in the acquisition, development and financing of power generation and infrastructure projects.

Practice

Shariff represents clients involved in the acquisition, development and financing of power generation and infrastructure projects, with a particular focus on tax equity financing. His experience spans billions of dollars in closed and funded investments supporting gigawatts of renewable energy, including large and small utility-scale solar and wind projects, large and small residential solar portfolios, community solar projects, C&I solar projects, geothermal projects and biomass projects. More recently, Shariff has also worked on carbon capture, hydrogen and waste-to-product projects currently under development.

Prior to joining Akin Gump, Shariff practiced as a project finance lawyer in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Shariff worked at a large consulting firm where he provided tax advice and opinions, financial modeling services and valuation services in connection with renewable energy projects. He also provided tax advice and opinions on a number of large M&A and tax-advantaged leasing transactions.

Speeches

- “Federal Tax Landscape for Energy Transition,” North American Petroleum Accounting Conference, Dallas, Texas, May 19, 2022.
- “Where Is the Sponsor Equity/Investor Market Headed?” Solar + Wind Finance & Investment Summit, Scottsdale, Arizona, March 8, 2022.
- “Structuring Section 45Q and Other Energy Transition Investments,” Akin Gump Deal Maker’s Boot Camp, Houston, Texas, December 8, 2021.
- “Tax Equity Market Update,” Infocast’s Southeast Renewable Energy Summit, November 18, 2021.
- “CCS / Decarbonization Project Development, Finance & Investment,” Infocast Master Class, October 4–5, 2021.

Areas of Experience

- Project Finance and Development
- Debt Finance
- Bioenergy
- Environmental, Social and Governance
- Project Debt and Equity Finance
- Real Estate and Infrastructure Funds
- Energy
- Renewable Energy
- Real Estate
- Infrastructure and Transportation
- Solar
- Wind
- Structured Finance & Securitization
- Tax
- International Tax
- North America
- Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage
- Energy Transition

Education

LL.M., Georgetown University Law Center, 2012

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2012

B.A., University of Southern California, 2008

Bar Admissions

California

District of Columbia

- “Renewable Energy & Storage Project Tax Structuring and Strategies,” EUCI’s Virtual Program, June 15, 2021.
- “Tax Equity Structures and Solutions,” Infocast Master Class, March 3–4, 2021.
- “Renewable Energy Appraisals and Cost Segregation,” EUCI Virtual Symposium, November 18–19, 2020.
- “Begun Construction—Lessons Learned and Looking Forward,” Novogradac 2020 Financing Renewable Energy Tax Credits Fall Virtual Conference, November 5–6, 2020.
- “After COVID-19: What is Investor and Lender Appetite Like Now?,” Solar and Storage Finance Webinar, June 2, 2020.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, Project Finance Law, 2021