

Environmental and Energy

Overview

In today's business world, businesses, institutions and municipalities strive to establish policies of environmental responsibility and energy use that comply with complex federal, state and local laws and regulations.

With a thorough understanding of laws and regulations in this area, Bond attorneys provide clients with practical, business-oriented advice based on existing and anticipated legal requirements, and actual regulatory practice.

Environmental Legal Services

Our environmental attorneys provide counsel regarding project development and facility siting, hazardous waste, permitting, release reporting, health and safety, air quality, solid waste, storage tanks, water quality and wetlands. We assist large and small businesses, industrial and commercial enterprises, school districts, colleges and universities, health care businesses, public corporations and municipalities to successfully resolve federal and state regulatory compliance and enforcement concerns.

Our lawyers have longstanding experience with matters involving the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. We also have substantial experience advising public entities and private parties on how to navigate the environmental impact review process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Our practice is a leader in New York State regarding the use of permits, consent orders and voluntary cleanup agreements to manage environmental risk and liability. Members of our practice have also taken a lead role in reforming New York State's Superfund.

To increase our knowledge and experience to better serve you, our attorneys head environmental and legal professional organizations, such as the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and serve on the Section's Executive Committee. Our attorneys are frequently asked to speak and write about environmental issues and are well respected by state and federal regulators.

Energy Industry Legal Services

Our energy attorneys have considerable experience in assisting and counseling clients in all aspects related to the siting and construction of energy and transmission facilities, as well as issues related to interconnection, natural gas exploration, and the purchase, sale, production and distribution of energy. We work with clients to address and resolve state and federal regulatory permitting, compliance and enforcement concerns. Bond has considerable experience in siting power generation (e.g., combined cycle, wind, waste-to-energy and solar) and electric and gas transmission projects under SEQRA and Articles VII and X of the Public Service Law.

Our clients represent a diverse cross-section of energy producers and consumers, and include power generators, transmission and distribution companies, pipelines, hydroelectric operators, petroleum refiners and marketers, developers, colleges and universities, hospitals and manufacturers.

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Over the last few years, several of our attorneys have concentrated in public utility issues including regulation of major electric generating facilities, manufactured gas plant remediation, and liability and corporate due diligence as New York State's electric generation and gas distribution systems have become reorganized.

As our client, you'll receive our attorneys' dedicated attention while they work hand in hand with you on issues of strategy, business risks and costs to help you operate your enterprise responsibly and gainfully.