

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

*Founded in Paris in 1920, Gide is one of the leading international law firms and the first to have originated in France. It operates from 12 offices worldwide and numbers 550 lawyers drawn from 35 different nationalities. Gide offers some of the most respected experts in each of the various sectors of national and international finance and business law. Throughout its network of offices in Europe, Asia, North America, Africa and the Middle East, the firm provides its clients with comprehensive knowledge of local markets, regional expertise, and the resources of an international law firm.*

**Gide is a market leader in the renewable energy sector. The firm has been involved in various wind power, solar energy, and cogeneration projects in France and abroad by advising on land use issues, planning permits, grid connections and power purchase agreements and feed-in-tariffs. Our lawyers also advise many French and international investors on the acquisition, financing, and restructuring of project portfolios and have extensive experience in disputes brought before the administrative and civil courts regarding renewable energy projects.**

Lawyers in Gide's renewable energy practice have a unique expertise in issues pertaining to energy, planning and environment, real estate, mergers and acquisitions, tax, litigation, project finance, and capital markets.

The firm advises on complex renewable energy acquisition and project finance deals as well as projects located in several jurisdictions, involving due diligence for major project portfolios at the various stages of development to be able to assess the risks inherent to developing and/or operating a particular project.

Gide is a member of the Renewable Energy Syndicate (SER).

### Sectors

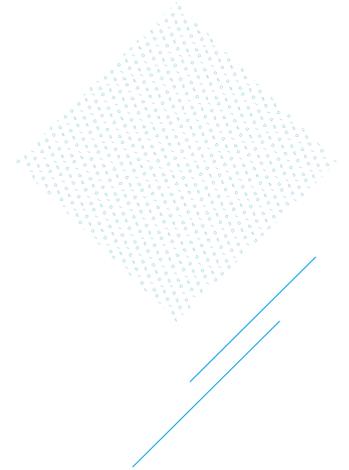
Our lawyers have extensive experience in advising economic operators on the new challenges of sustainable development, namely in the generation of electricity from renewable sources, and greenhouse gas emission trading schemes.

The Renewable Energy team regularly advises clients in the following sectors:

- **Wind power**
- **Solar power** (photovoltaic and thermal)
- **Hydroelectricity** (small power stations, tendering procedure for concessions)
- **Biomass, biogas, timber industry, cogeneration**
- **Greenhouse gas emissions quotas**

### Our Clients

Our team provides a full range of services for all stakeholders in the renewable energy field. In this dynamic market, it advises established operators and newcomers, French and international clients, large industrial groups, SMEs, and consultancy and planning offices.



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Our lawyers advise stakeholders involved at every stage of the development and operation of renewable energy projects:

- Developers,
- Wind turbine constructors, manufacturers and distributors of solar photovoltaic equipment,
- Electricity generators and suppliers,
- Investors / investment funds, banks,
- Industry associations, public bodies, government agencies.

## Our Areas of Expertise

The Renewable Energy team advises on issues involving the following areas of law:

- **Energy regulatory** (administrative authorisations, grid connections, feed-in-tariff, power purchase agreements),
- **Planning and environment** (planning rules, building permits and environmental requirements),
- **Real estate** (land use, lease agreements),
- **Construction** (development contracts, turnkey agreements, operation & maintenance agreements),
- **Mergers-acquisitions / Corporate law** (project portfolio sale / acquisition and restructuring, setting up joint ventures, IPO),
- **Tax** (structuring transactions, favourable tax regimes, tax audits for projects),
- **Dispute resolution** in relation to building permits, construction contracts and civil liability,
- **Project finance** (loan agreements, structured finance, bank guarantees).

*Michel Guénaire is well versed in regulatory and litigious matters arising from the French energy sector. He advises prominent domestic energy companies and foreign financial institutions, as well as state entities. Clients say: 'He is very practical and solution-oriented, and he also provides excellent analysis.'* »

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*John Crothers regularly handles matters across Africa, with experience in renewable energy, infrastructure and utilities projects, including project finance and PPP matters. He is well versed in advising governmental bodies and significant financial institutions such as the IFC.* »

*Stéphane Vernay is an 'outstanding business lawyer' according to clients, who add: 'He has broad experience in terms of jurisdictions and industries. As a result, he is able to provide high value advice for structuring complex industrial projects.' He handles energy and transportation projects, with particular expertise in African matters.* »

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*Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. advises on several of Africa's largest traditional power, LNG and oil, hydropower and renewables projects, representing sponsors, investors and state entities. The practice is notably assisting EGL and the contracting states with the development of the Ruzizi III 147MWh hydropower plant in the Grands Lacs region. Other highlights include advising EDF on the development of six EPR nuclear reactors in India. The firm houses leading regulatory expertise in Michel Guénaire, who acts for several of France's main energy operators, frequently handling strategic regulatory disputes. He is notably representing electricity grid operator Enedis in facing claims concerning feed-in tariffs from around 130 solar power producers. Stéphane Vernay, John Crothers, Marie Bouvet-Guiramand and counsels Victor Grandguillaume and Nicolas Jean are highly regarded. Petroci, Engie and the state of Mauritania are other clients.* »

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