



Energy & Telecommunications

Overview

Our energy, communications, water, transportation and other utility service clients operate in a highly regulated and complex business environment. From permitting, development, corporate and transactional work, to [government relations](#), litigation, regulatory law, real estate and environmental advice, we bring our blue-chip energy, communications and regulated industry clients highly skilled and comprehensive legal services.

AP&S' experienced and business-savvy attorneys possess both the legal acumen and practical skills to craft successful business-oriented solutions. We handle all aspects of legal issues associated with successful energy project development, including advising several of the region's largest natural gas generation project developers.

We provide focused, full-service legal solutions that allow you to develop your business plans and respond proactively to new technological, regulatory and market realities. We know the players, the issues and the landscape, and we bring this perspective to all our national and local clients to facilitate winning strategies in this complex, ever-changing and highly regulated business environment.

We are at the forefront of legal representation in many of the region's most innovative wind and solar-powered generation projects, and represent clients involved in the emerging offshore wind development business. In the communications sector, our clients include national cable and telecommunications companies and internet service businesses. In the regulated water sector, we represent municipal and regional water and wastewater utilities concerning several infrastructure developments and regulated rate matters. We also represent some of the leaders in the transportation sector, such as innovative transportation network service companies.

Areas of Concentration

- Siting and Permitting
- [Real Estate](#), Land Use and Zoning
- Regulatory Compliance
- [Litigation](#) and representation at Agencies, Boards and Commissions
- Commercial Agreements
- Corporate and Financial Transactions

Experience

Energy Development

We represent some of the largest energy utility companies in the United States with comprehensive advice to facilitate some of the largest (500 to 1,000 MW) and most efficient thermal energy projects in the region. Utilizing our experience and relationships with the key players in the industry and government, we secured site control for a large-scale combined cycle thermal energy project. We also provide the critical legal representation necessary to allow our developer clients to secure the necessary environmental permits, energy facility siting approvals, real estate agreements, local municipal approvals, construction agreements, labor contracts, legislation and the required financing from investors. We also advise the financial industry and other investors as to their due diligence when seeking mergers and acquisitions in various energy business ventures.

Renewable Energy Development

We represent several energy project developers as lead counsel for their successful development of the largest solar energy development in Rhode Island, located on a closed municipal landfill in the City of East Providence, Rhode Island. From site control, securing financing and equity investment, and land use to innovative zoning, permitting and construction AP&S provided innovative and effective legal advice for this first-of-its-kind development in the region. We also are counsel to several wind, solar, hydro, landfill gas, waste to energy, tidal, and other renewable energy developers with projects seeking to expand the availability of clean and sustainable forms of energy in response to climate change and environmental initiatives in ways that also promote new job creation.

Telecommunications, Cable and Broadband Internet

We provide regulatory, litigation, labor and employment and government affairs advice to some of the largest broadband service providers and cable companies in the United States. We advise these companies in connection with their development of innovative broadband and telecommunications services throughout New England, including urban, rural, island and remote areas of New England.

Water and Wastewater Utilities

Representing one of the regional water utilities and the largest regional wastewater utility, we advise as to ongoing real estate, rate making and infrastructure planning in connection with efforts to develop a state-of-the-art regional water treatment facility.

Transportation

We bring our comprehensive legal advice as local counsel to one of the fastest-growing transportation business enterprises in the region. This company's success in the state was facilitated by AP&S attorneys securing critical legislation and providing crucial regulatory advice, which facilitated rapid and successful growth and allowed the company to meet a huge growing demand from its customers.

Seminars/Publications

Seminars

- Alan M. Shoer, Lecturer on energy, utility and renewable energy developments in New England.

Awards

- Rated Tier 1 Metropolitan “Best Law Firm” by Best Lawyers®.