

# Reducing Environmental Imprints



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## Innovative Energy Solutions

Energy concerns are a rapidly evolving, increasingly vital area of business. Companies, from entrepreneurial start ups and joint ventures to established middle market companies and worldwide energy giants, need sophisticated legal guidance to maximize the enormous potential and minimize the vast risks associated with energy development, production and consumption.

Members of Womble Carlyle's multidisciplinary Energy Team have direct experience working in the pharmaceutical, chemical, petroleum, real estate, construction, environmental and energy industries, so they understand the real-world energy concerns facing these companies. Thus, we can offer practical and innovative solutions, which assist our clients along a path of steady growth and success.

Team members regularly assist clients with a full range of legal issues, including:

- project development and finance
- corporate and transactional structuring
- state and federal siting and permitting
- tax and economic development incentives
- carbon credit markets and emissions risk management
- intellectual property and patents
- regulatory compliance

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE:

### Renewable Energy Providers

The fast developing areas of renewable energy and alternative energy, such as biofuels, fuel cells, solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, methane/biomass conversion, hydrogen and ethanol, offer both tremendous opportunities and risks. Womble Carlyle can help alternative and renewable energy companies at all stages of development, from initial strategic planning and raising capital for a start-up entity to growth strategies, profit maximization, and ongoing legal and compliance issues for established businesses.

### Energy Consumers

Many large companies, particularly those in the manufacturing sector, must meet federal and state energy and environmental regulations concerning their energy consumption. Our Energy Team is at the forefront of energy efficiency and green building initiatives and practices. We have represented almost every type of commercial property owner in contracting with energy services companies to install energy efficiency measures.

### Carbon Credit Markets and Emissions Risk Management

We can assist companies in complying with applicable regulations and avoiding potential fines, penalties and negative publicity. We also can help clients leverage the benefits of successful regulatory compliance, such as potential tax breaks, and use their compliant status as a strategic competitive advantage in the marketplace.

### Clean Technology Innovation

Womble Carlyle can help clean technology or "Greentech" providers with: intellectual property, including patent registration and enforcement; corporate formation; and capitalization. Our IP experience includes patent searches, reviews and applications; patentability surveys; non-infringement/infringement issues; licensing; freedom to operate, state-of-the-art and design-around studies; and international patent applications.

### Green Construction and Sustainable Development

Environmentally friendly practices are more than just an exercise in civic responsibility; they now make good business sense. Consumers increasingly are seeking out green options when they shop. Companies that use green practices may be eligible for a growing range of local, state and federal incentives. Banks have established green lending pools for green businesses and green development.

## Representative Team Members:

**Ric Morton**—Ric concentrates his practice in regulatory compliance and permitting as well as environmental and toxic tort litigation for clients in the energy, petroleum and chemical industry sectors. Ric assists energy companies in obtaining necessary regulatory and site approvals, including certificates of public convenience and necessity.

**Nellie Shipley**—Nellie is a LEED accredited professional and works with her clients on green and sustainable development practices. Nellie's practice is focused on the acquisition, entitlement, development, re-development, operation, and disposition of real property.

**Brad De Vore**—Brad's practice is focused on environmental compliance, litigation and toxic tort defense. He has extensive experience with landfill projects including several landfill gas collection and gas-to-energy projects.

**John Sweeney**—John's practice is focused on major product liability, environmental and toxic tort litigation across the country. John is Chairman of the Defense Research Institute's Climate Change Task Force and is a presenter on the risks associated with climate change litigation at the 2009 Inside Counsel Super Conference.

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## Womble by the Numbers

**550+** LAWYERS

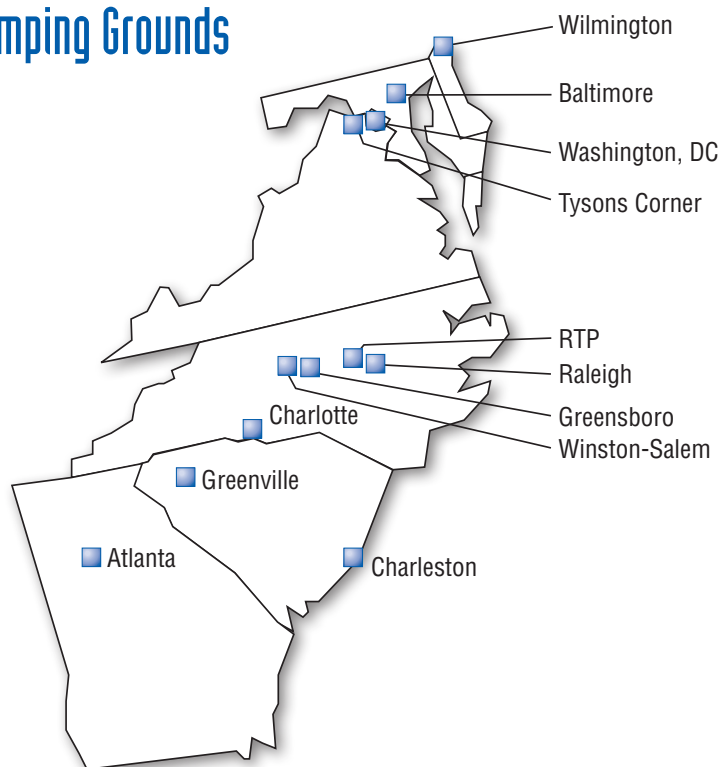
**12** OFFICES IN 6 STATES AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

**46** LAWYERS NAMED BEST IN FIELD BY *CHAMBERS USA 2011*

**120** LAWYERS SELECTED FOR *2011 BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA*

Founded in 1876, Womble Carlyle has evolved into one of the top 100 law firms in the country, providing a full spectrum of legal services to support the business needs of corporate clients that range from start-up enterprises to Fortune 500 companies of global scope. In addition, the firm offers clients a variety of innovative business solutions that include a unique Case Management Facility designed to help companies win complex multi-district litigation and reduce costs.

## Stomping Grounds



## Representative Matters:

- Represented the developer of a small hydro-electric power plant regarding financing.
- Assisted a large hedge fund on regulatory issues related to the purchase of a combined cycle electric generator in New England.
- Counseled a national grocery store chain on contracting with an energy services company to lease cogeneration units in its stores and to arrange for the operation and maintenance of such units.
- Advised a biogas production company on contracting with dairy farmers.
- Counseled real estate clients with respect to LEED certification and environmentally sustainable development, including advising clients about government incentives for “green” projects.
- Helped a solar energy project developer on contracting with the lessor, power purchaser and tax investor.
- Advised an emissions trading exchange on contracting with purchasers and sellers of verified emissions reductions and obtaining financing.
- Collaborated with a small wind power developer on project development.
- Oversaw a joint venture between a solar energy company and a real estate development company on the creation, development and financing of “green” communities in the Southwest.

## Related Services:

- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- Climate Change
- Environmental Emergency Response
- Capital Markets
- Real Estate
- Corporate & Securities
- Intellectual Property
- Government Contracts
- Federal and State Government Affairs