Greg Friend

Greg Friend is a partner at Stahl, Sewell, Chavarria, Friend & Cohen, LLP, and participates in the firm's Renewable Energy, and Natural Resources and the Environment matters. Greg's practice focuses on multiple aspects of the development of electric generation projects powered by natural resources, primarily wind and solar technologies. He represents project developers by: drafting and negotiating land control documents (leases, options, easements, etc.), transmission and facilities agreements, and other necessary development contracts; performing title and survey review and providing curative solutions to related issues; and advising clients regarding state, and local environmental, permitting and regulatory issues, and issuing opinion letters to support project transactions. Greg also represents investors in project transactions, performing due diligence activities related to the real estate, environmental, permitting, and regulatory aspects of a project.

He has represented traditional and renewable energy clients in permitting and rulemaking matters before the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Railroad Commission of Texas. Prior to joining Stahl, Davies, Sewell, Chavarria & Friend, LLP, Greg worked at a boutique oil and gas firm, where his practice focused on representing clients in regulatory and litigation matters. Greg's legal experience also includes representing clients in water sales and purchases, entity formations, and appearing in district and appellate courts.

Greg has written and presented extensively on wind and renewable energy issues, and has served as a member of the planning committee for The University of Texas School of Law's Renewable Energy Law Conference since 2011. Greg is licensed to practice law in Texas and Nebraska. He attended Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vermont, where he was a member of the Vermont Law Review and interned at the United States Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section. Greg received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Representative Transactions

- Represented wind project development companies on real estate matters for development and/or sale of projects in various stages totaling over 900 MW.
- Represented solar project development company on real estate matters for development and/or sale of projects in various stages in Texas, California and New Mexico.
- Represented investor bank on real estate, permitting, and regulatory matters in tax equity closing for 200 MW project in Texas Panhandle.
- Provided review of and issuance of opinion letters relating to permitting, regulatory, and/or Texas law matters for:
    - 100 MW wind project located in Kinney County, Texas;
    - 143 MW wind project located in Glasscock County, Texas;
    - 148.6 MW wind project located in central Texas;
    - 288.6 MW wind project located in Texas panhandle;
    - 330 MW natural gas fired project located in west Texas;
    - 207.2 MW wind project located in west Texas;

- 150 MW wind project located in Knox County, Texas;
- 150 MW wind project located in Baylor County, Texas;
- 148.5 MW wind project located in Texas panhandle;
- 120 MW wind project located in Howard County, Texas;
- 276 MW wind project located in Castro County, Texas; and
- 253 MW wind project located in Scurry County, Texas.