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# Big Law Tax Experts Brace for Brutal July 4 Wind, Solar Crunch

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[Adam Kobos](#), a partner with Troutman Pepper Locke, was quoted in the June 18, 2026 *Bloomberg Law* article, “[Big Law Tax Experts Brace for Brutal July 4 Wind, Solar Crunch](#).”

Tax lawyers give clients their determination of when a developer’s actions meet the legal definition of breaking ground. Excavators moving dirt to prepare a site for construction may not count; but digging a hole for a project’s foundation likely does count, said Adam Kobos, a tax energy partner at Troutman Pepper Locke.

“You have tax lawyers making these very, very fine distinctions around what it means to begin construction,” he said. “It’s strange and somewhat amazing how much time is spent on just that issue.”

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