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Charlie works with major utilities and independent power producers, primarily focusing on complex business transactions using renewable technologies, with an emphasis on project development, finance, mergers and acquisitions, corporate structuring, and related commercial agreements.

OVERVIEW

Charlie represents electric utilities, independent power producers, developers, contractors and other clients doing business in the renewable energy sector. He has primarily focused on drafting and negotiating major documentation relating to the development, construction, acquisition, financing and sale of energy and infrastructure assets employing renewable technologies. Beyond renewables, Charlie has experience counseling clients in general corporate matters.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a leading U.S. wholesale energy provider in the corporate reorganization sale of a portfolio of 26 operating solar facilities representing approximately 1.7GW of capacity, providing extensive due diligence and transactional support.
- Counseled a public utility company in the preparation of renewable energy RFP documentation and evaluation and negotiation of documentation related thereto (including PPAs, build transfer agreements, EPC agreements and other documentation).
- Advised a publicly traded EPC contractor in connection with the negotiation and drafting of an EPC contract, route development agreement and contractor interface agreement as part of a joint venture in response to an independent system operator's RFP for the development of electric transmission lines.
- Represented a public utility holding company and its independent power producer subsidiary in the acquisition of a 100MW wind-generating facility in Oklahoma, with an eventual tax equity ownership structure.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy
- Energy Construction
- FERC

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Energy](#)
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- [Renewable Energy](#)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Intern to the Honorable Chief Justice P. Harris Hines of the Georgia Supreme Court, 2015

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2017, articles editor, *Georgia Law Review*
- University of Georgia, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2014, international affairs and political science; minor in environmental law

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Georgia Superior Courts

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “[The Capacity Crunch, Part Three: Unpacking the Power of the IRA: The Potential Game-Changing Opportunities for Utilities,](#)” *Energy Law Insights*, January 18, 2024.
- Speaker, “[The Capacity Crunch, Part Two: Public Utilities, Resource Planning & Deployment, and the IRA,](#)” *Energy Law Insights*, January 16, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Untapped Potential: How Georgia’s Beer Distribution Laws Stifle the Craft Beer Industry,” *Georgia Law Review*, 2016.