

ABOUT MORRISON & FOERSTER

We are Morrison & Foerster—a global firm distinguished by our cutting-edge work on the current wave of high-impact climate change law.

We offer comprehensive climate change services to industry-leading clients that include regulated industries, carbon reduction project developers, financiers, insurers, emissions brokers, technology platform companies, and alternative energy providers. From traditional and renewable energy, to timberland management, cement manufacturing, electric vehicle production, fuel development, green building and micro-utilities, we have deep and wide-ranging experience on the business issues emerging from and surrounding greenhouse gases. We are particularly well versed in California's aggressive AB32 implementation and the developing cap-and-trade market. Whether it is bet-the-company litigation, such as lawsuits addressing the climate change impacts of business operations, or the negotiation of carbon credit transactions that may be the lifeblood of a startup Cleantech company, our attorneys capably handle all of the novel challenges that climate change regulation and business is generating for our clients.

- We have helped our clients to negotiate and execute emission reduction purchase agreements, navigate the more novel and complicated issues involved with emission reduction option agreements, and meet the legal requirements for the qualification of methodologies and projects that will yield emission reduction credits.
- Our practitioners have negotiated agreements under the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (“REDD”) framework, and have advised on the development and financing of more traditional offset deals both under the Clean Development Mechanism to the Kyoto Protocol and in the voluntary marketplace.
- We are pioneering the new regulatory frontier established by the California Air Resources Board, guiding our clients through the monitoring and reporting requirements, while positioning them for the new cap-and-trade market.
- We are also representing clients in high-stakes litigation that challenges the impacts of projects to climate change—cases that are destined for the appellate and supreme courts. These cases focus on central issues in the climate change arena, such as the accounting of greenhouse gas emissions in the growing and harvesting of forests and released by biomass power plants.
- Finally, we also advise clients on the patenting strategies that are critical to the new technologies that are being developed to address greenhouse gas emissions—strategies that carefully account for the potential value that would be realized should carbon trading scale further at the national and international levels.

Beyond these client services, our attorneys are also thought leaders in the climate change business community, with extensive publication records and active roles in some of the key committees shaping climate change policy, including California industry groups and the ABA's Cleantech and Climate Change Committee. Our involvement with climate change does not end there—we are also engaged in important nonprofit and pro bono work, implementing projects to advance carbon offsetting industries while helping disadvantaged communities, and we have helped the carbon business industry in collaborative efforts to plan for a more carbon-constrained world.

GLOBAL FIRM FOR CLIMATE CHANGE LAW

Clients from the United States, Asia, and Europe receive global insight into innovative financing structures, novel trading transactions, legal compliance strategies, and overall policy developments that are driven by national and international efforts to address climate change.

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AWARDS & RANKINGS

Chambers USA 2012

- Nationwide: Climate Change
- Nationwide: Projects: Renewables & Alternative Energy
- California: Energy: Regulatory and Litigation
- California: Environment

Legal 500 2012

- National: Energy – Renewable/Alternative
- National: Energy – Litigation
- National: Environmental Litigation
- National: Environment – Transactional & Regulatory

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- National: Energy Law
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