



NIXON PEABODY<sub>LLP</sub> **legally green**<sup>SM</sup>



## go green

Sustainable technologies have become essential to your business. An old saying describes how an idea gets accepted: first it is ridiculed, then it is rejected, and finally it is seen as self-evident. Because we understand the future depends on decisions made now, our “legally green” initiative supports legal needs in this new environment.

Our “legally green” commitment:

- Provide integrated services to clients focused on sustainable technologies, products, and solutions.
- Pursue a thought leadership role in the community.
- Practice responsible citizenship where we work and live.

While many law firms have separate practices that occasionally handle sustainability issues, at Nixon Peabody we’ve integrated our league-leading practices as very few others can. Whether a matter concerns private equity, public finance, real estate, tax credits, intellectual property, or environmental regulation, our attorneys understand the issues that arise in the context of emerging industries such as Cleantech, renewable energy, and green building, and we are developing innovative solutions.

Within our offices, Nixon Peabody is embracing sustainable building practices and reducing our own environmental impact. While there is still a long way to go, each of our offices has an action plan in place, and we are dedicated to being the leader among law firms in sustainable practices and operations.

### renewable energy

siting  
tax credits  
project finance  
bonds  
mergers & acquisitions  
transmission and interconnection  
power purchase agreements  
regulatory  
pilot agreements

### cleantech

private equity and venture capital  
intellectual property protection  
litigation and arbitration

### green buildings and sustainable development

public finance  
tax incentives  
project acquisition, development, and finance  
historic preservation  
affordable housing

### climate change

corporate and institutional policies, protocols, and practices  
SEC reporting and disclosure

### green investing

fund structuring, formation, and implementation

### environmental and land use

permitting  
transactional due diligence  
brownfields  
environmental impact review  
code compliance



## practice green

**Take the lead.** Nixon Peabody has the experience to identify opportunities and provide innovative solutions in all sectors of the economy. Our public finance lawyers helped develop the legislation that created Clean Renewable Energy Bonds. Throughout the United States, our private equity and venture capital, energy, environmental, project finance, real estate, regulatory, tax credit syndication, and intellectual property teams have given critical assistance to innovative renewable energy projects, including land-based and offshore wind, solar, and geothermal ventures.

“These days every law firm seems to talk the talk about ‘going green,’ but Nixon Peabody wanted action.”

*-Legal Times, 2008*



### green historic development

Nixon Peabody has worked with clients to develop dozens of green projects throughout the U.S. using historic, new markets, and renewable energy tax credits, including the first-ever Platinum LEED-certified historic project.

### intellectual property guidance and protection

Our IP team advised the company founded to commercialize olefin metathesis catalyst technology, a green chemical technology that enables synthesis of chemical compounds at greater efficiency, under less stringent reaction conditions, and with reduced byproducts and hazardous waste.

### acquisition of geothermal facilities portfolio

Nixon Peabody represented a national investment banking firm in its acquisition of a \$153 million interest in a portfolio of geothermal facilities, including its bid, due diligence, closing the transaction, and rendering the tax opinion.

### photovoltaic investment

Nixon Peabody provided full-service counsel to a major financial services company as it negotiated and structured an equity investment in the largest U.S. photovoltaic project to date.

### acquisition of wind farm portfolios

Nixon Peabody represented a national investment banking firm in all aspects of evaluating and acquiring an investment interest in wind farm portfolios.

### syndication of wind farm equity interests

Our syndication team is assisting a client in selling a portion of the tax credit equity interests that the client owns in a portfolio of wind energy projects.



### innovative solar project

Our solar team assisted a bank's subsidiary in using federal tax credits and loan rebate terms from Connecticut's clean energy fund to finance an innovative solar generating program that will allow up to 1,000 state residents to lease, install, and use solar panels on their roofs without the normal upfront costs.

### wind projects from start to finish

Nixon Peabody has served as counsel in financing, interconnection, energy regulatory, permitting, siting, environmental, real estate, and real property tax aspects of more than 20 wind projects.

### biomass projects

Nixon Peabody is serving as counsel to the developer in the development and financing of two biomass energy projects.

### biodiesel financing

Nixon Peabody served as counsel on the financing of a biodiesel project that will produce fuel from vegetable oil.

### energy generation financing

Nixon Peabody represented a multi-stage venture capital firm in a bridge financing and recapitalization for a Cleantech waste gas-to-energy generation system.

### biomass investment financing

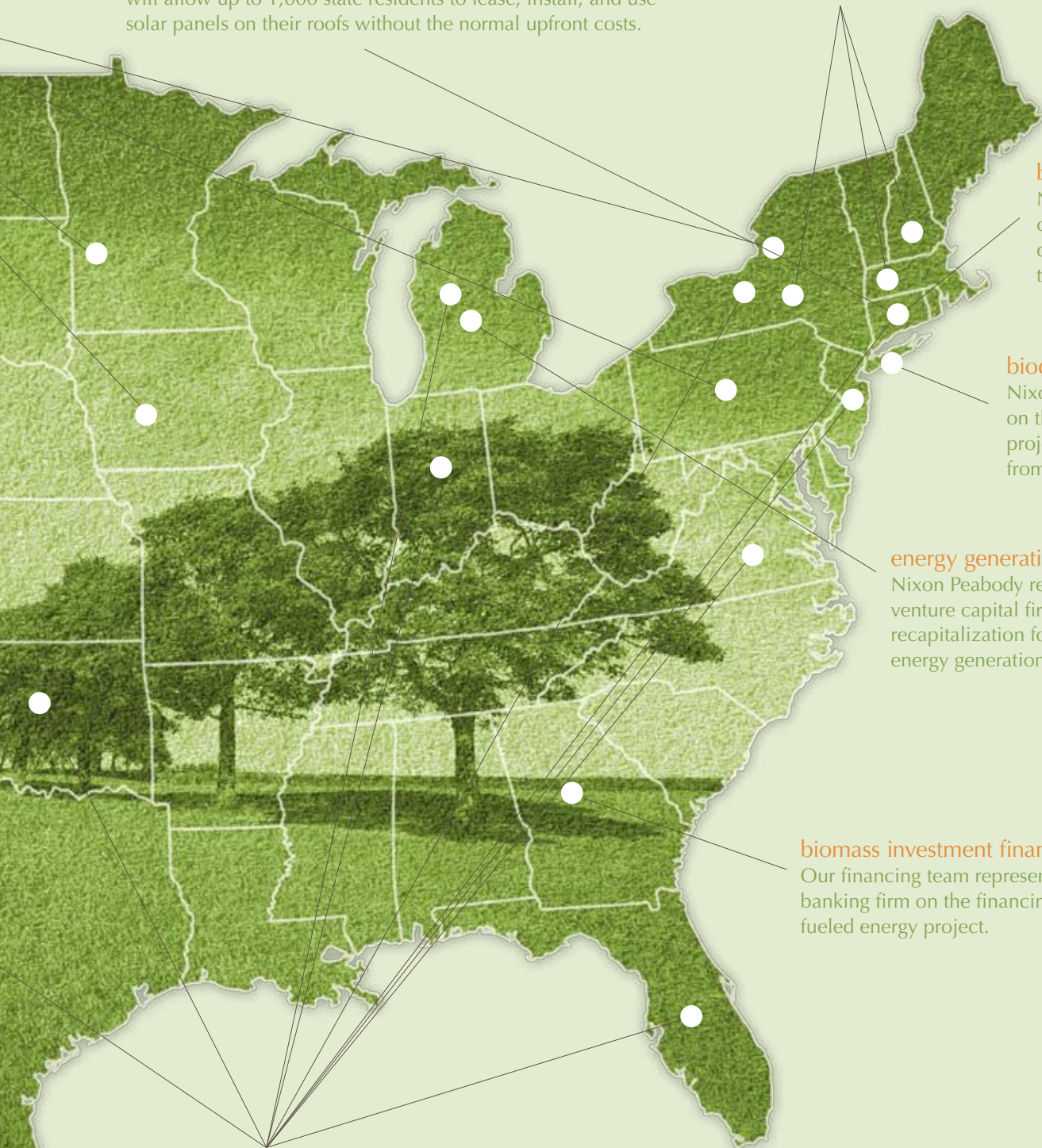
Our financing team represented an investment banking firm on the financing of a biomass-fueled energy project.

### development and financing of waste-to-energy facilities

Nixon Peabody has assisted companies nationwide in the full range of development, financing, construction, and operational activities for major waste-to-energy facilities.

## find green

We are widely known as the nation's preeminent firm in structuring and closing investments in tax credit transactions. And, we've closed deals involving more than \$1 billion of wind and geothermal equity and the nation's largest tax credit solar project.



## think green

### At conferences across the nation.

We have addressed audiences on the issues of financing for solar and wind power, environmental citizenship for educational institutions, preserving and greening affordable housing and historic structures, renewable energy, project siting and permitting, and building green homes and sustainable communities.

## partnerships

*Our attorneys are actively involved as members and speakers with these national organizations:*

- American Council On Renewable Energy
- American Wind Energy Association
- Cleantech Network
- Conservation International
- Design Standards Drafting Committee (LEED)
- Enterprise Community Partners
- Global Green USA
- National Wind Coordinating Collaborative
- Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)
- U.S. Green Building Council



## be green

**In our own offices.** “Legally green” is more than a slogan—it is an increasing element of the Nixon Peabody culture. For example, we secured LEED certification for our new San Francisco office—a showcase of our support for sustainable building practices and a healthy work environment. Across the country we are putting sustainability plans into action with large and small steps—from improving recycling practices to greening our supply chain.

“As the legal profession begins to take on climate change issues... Nixon Peabody has gone a step further.”

*-Lawyers USA, 2007*

# practice green

800 lawyers

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19 offices

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75+ lawyers with green experience across practices and nationwide

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3 certified hazardous materials managers

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40 syndication lawyers

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25 energy and environment lawyers

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90 intellectual property lawyers

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8 patent agents and other specialists



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Counsel for waste-to-energy bonds totaling more than \$5 billion in issuance

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Assistance to developers in siting, permitting, and acquiring more than 20 wind power projects

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#1 most active underwriters' counsel in public finance (*Thomson Financial*, 2006)

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#4 firm for private equity / venture capital funds formed (*Dow Jones*, 2006)

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Among the top trademark law firms in the U.S. (*IP Today*, 2007)

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One of the *FORTUNE* 100 "Best Companies to Work For<sup>®</sup>" in 2006, 2007, and 2008

Dozens of green projects throughout the U.S., with equity in the billions of dollars, including the largest solar project in the country

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Counsel to the first-ever Platinum LEED-certified historic project

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#8 most active bond counsel in public finance (*Thomson Financial*, 2006)

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Among the leading patent procurement law firms in the U.S. (*IP Today*, 2007)

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Top 25 for IP Litigation (*IP Law & Business*, 2005)

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"Global 100" firm (*The American Lawyer*, 2007)



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