

Energy Group Of The Year: Latham

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Law360 (February 24, 2026, 4:00 PM EST) -- Latham & Watkins LLP secured a major victory for Revolution Wind LLC against the Trump administration and represented Brookfield on its \$5 billion strategic partnership with Bloom Energy, earning the firm a spot among the 2025 Law360 Energy Groups of the Year.

In September, a federal judge granted Revolution Wind a preliminary injunction, allowing it to resume work on its billion-dollar wind farm off the Rhode Island coast after the U.S. Department of the Interior had abruptly issued a stop-work order with no prior notice or explanation. The project had been in development for nearly a decade and was fully permitted. It was about 80% complete before the stoppage.

The judge found that the administration's stop-work order, which stunned the supply chain and regional energy planning fields, was "the height of arbitrary and capricious action."

Eli Katz, a partner at Latham who serves as global vice chair of the firm's energy and infrastructure industry group, told Law360 that there was very little precedent for the federal government to cancel a permit after an organization completed the entire permitting process.

"This was a dangerous trend where the government could assert that it would revoke a permit, even though people had invested many billions of dollars in it," Katz said.

The win also stood out as other firms have been reluctant to take on cases against the current administration.

"This wasn't just an attack on offshore wind," Katz said. "Many in the industry broadly warn that this is just simply going to raise the cost of capital for all big energy and infrastructure projects."

Katz added that U.S. energy policy is always subject to change depending on the party that controls the White House. Latham's energy practice has withstood the winds of change by serving companies in all sectors of energy, including renewable energy and liquefied natural gas. The energy practice works on both litigation and transaction matters, as well.

In another high-profile win, Latham served as lead counsel for global asset manager Brookfield as it



completed a \$5 billion partnership with Bloom Energy to develop artificial intelligence infrastructure. Announced in October, the deal allows Brookfield to deploy Bloom Energy's advanced fuel cell technology for AI factories to power data centers. It is also Brookfield's first investment in dedicated AI infrastructure focused on capital partnerships.

The transaction is representative of a growing trend of energy mixing with AI and data. Completing the deal required Latham's lawyers to gain a complete understanding of both energy and AI.

Latham recognized the growing trend of digital infrastructure work in the energy field over a year ago. Seeing increased activity in the digital infrastructure space, the firm assembled a team of lawyers from different practices who meet monthly to discuss the latest trends.

Justin T. Stolte, a partner and global chair of Latham's energy and infrastructure group, told Law360 that there are now over 100 lawyers who gather monthly to discuss the trends, which allowed the firm to staff the Brookfield deal with the right individuals.

"They're really equal parts technology, power and real estate, along with a sprinkle of regulatory items that will arise in these transactions," Stolte said. "The prep begins long before we get a call on a transaction."

Stolte added that some data center deals require expertise in different practice areas.

Latham claims it has guided over 1,000 data center matters in the past three decades, with the firm's data center work increasing by over 40% year-over-year.

Other notable wins for Latham's energy and infrastructure practice in the past year include advising an energy consortium and Calpine Corp. on their \$26.6 billion acquisition by Constellation, representing WaterBridge Infrastructure in closing its upsized \$677 million initial public offering, and guiding the liquefied natural gas producer Venture Global on its \$15.1 billion project financing.

Over 650 lawyers are part of Latham's energy and infrastructure group. They are based in more than 30 offices in major financial and energy centers around the world, including New York, Houston, Washington, D.C., and London.

The energy and infrastructure group is a significant part of Latham's revenue. If the practice was a standalone firm, Katz said it would probably be a top 50 firm.

The practice group has grown a lot over the past few years. Although there are no plans to expand the size of the team, leaders will still be strategic in adding talent in the near term, Stolte said.

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