

# News Release

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## Hunton & Williams LLP Recognized as a *Law360* Energy Practice Group of the Year

Hunton & Williams LLP was named a *Law360* Energy Practice Group of the Year for 2012. In a profile describing Hunton & Williams' energy practice, *Law360* recognized the firm's "growth in its transactional and regulatory practice, continued expansion of its reach in Africa and other parts of the developing world and the addition of a team of experienced attorneys to deepen its bench." A profile describing the energy practice can be found [here](#) on *Law360*'s website (subscription). In addition, the firm was also named a *Law360* Environmental Practice Group of the Year for 2012.

**John D. Hawkins**, co-head of Hunton & Williams' energy practice group, credited the group's success to the addition of partners who complemented the practice, giving it more strength on the capital markets and financing side. Joining the firm were **Bud Ellis**, who was co-head of the utilities, power and pipelines group at the now-defunct Dewey & Leboeuf, as well as five partners from Dewey's energy finance group: **Kevin C. Felz, Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Steven C. Friend, Steven R. Loeshelle** and **Peter K. O'Brien**.

*Law360* also cited the firm's representation in the \$26 billion merger of Progress Energy Inc. with Duke Energy Inc., which was completed in July 2012 and created the nation's largest energy utility and the firm's service as counsel to ArcLight Capital Partners in its \$1.3 billion bid on a portfolio of gas-fired power plants around the United States. In addition, the firm regularly provides counsel to financial institutions in connection with renewable energy tax-equity investments and recently advised on a portfolio of three wind farms totaling 400 MW located in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Texas. The practice also advises government energy ministries and utilities in countries including Rwanda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda, as well as Croatia's national electric company, on power development projects in those countries.

The Hunton & Williams energy practice has more than 150 lawyers dedicated to advising clients on a broad range of energy and infrastructure matters, including financing, project development, asset and company acquisitions and dispositions, energy regulatory and environmental issues, corporate transactions and financial restructuring.

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