



Energy Trading Team



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Chad is a Deputy Practice Group Leader for Sutherland's Energy and Environmental Practice Group. Also a leader of the Energy Trading and Energy Projects teams, Chad applies his broad-based transactional knowledge to the needs of clients in the oil, gas and power industries. His work encompasses structured finance, project development, mergers and acquisitions, and other corporate transactions. He represents all types of buyers and sellers in long and short-term physical and financial power trading arrangements and LNG sales and purchase agreements. His extensive client base includes energy providers, developers, investors and underwriters involved in power plant and interstate gas pipeline projects.



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Beverly is a Deputy Practice Group Leader for Sutherland's Energy and Environmental Practice Group and has more than 25 years of experience advising oil trading companies. Also a leader of our Energy Trading team, Beverly focuses her practice on commercial, transactional, international trade, regulatory and transaction tax matters affecting the global trading of crude oil, refined products, petrochemicals and other commodities. Her commercial and transactional practice broadly spans commercial agreements and structured transactions, including refinery processing, offtake, crude oil forward sale, terminaling and throughput, inventory financing, marketing and distribution, and master physical purchase and sale agreements.



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As chair of the Energy Restructuring and Creditors' Rights team at Sutherland, Paul focuses his practice on the energy markets—principally the physical and financial trading of energy commodities. Paul currently serves as special energy counsel for a major energy trading bankruptcy estate and is in charge of negotiating, mediating and litigating the termination and liquidation of forward contracts, swaps, options and tolling agreements with numerous counterparties. He also provides commodities and energy trading advice to a number of participants in the U.S. energy markets and has represented major energy companies in commercial litigation relating to commodities, derivatives and trading issues.



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A leader of the Energy Trading team at Sutherland, Tom focuses his practice on energy transactional matters including energy trading, mergers and acquisitions, and project development. Tom works primarily in the electric power and liquefied natural gas (LNG) industries, with a particular emphasis on renewable energy. He represents all types of buyers and sellers in long and short-term physical and financial power trading arrangements and LNG sales and purchase agreements. Tom also counsels clients on all aspects of renewable energy project development.

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As a co-chair of Sutherland's Energy Compliance and Enforcement team, Dan focuses on the electric industry. He represents energy trading companies, electric cooperatives and other electric utilities, generators, and end users before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and state public utility commissions, and in North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliance matters. He provides counseling on FERC filing and reporting requirements, compliance audits and NERC compliance procedures.



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As chair of Sutherland's Natural Gas Regulatory team, Kirstin advises natural gas pipelines, and marketers and local distribution companies on FERC compliance and enforcement issues, as well as all aspects of rate and policy issues and legislative matters affecting LNG and natural gas. She also counsels LNG and natural gas marketer clients on a wide variety of transportation and storage issues related to natural gas before the FERC, federal appellate courts and state utility commissions. Kirstin provides regulatory and transactional advice to major oil producers and pipeline companies located in the U.S. and the Gulf of Mexico.



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