

## **Perkins Coie Attorneys Quoted in Riviera—Enhanced Planning and Permitting ‘Would Help Us Overcome Offshore Wind Headwinds’**

Perkins Coie Attorneys quoted in "[Enhanced Planning and Permitting 'Would Help Us Overcome Offshore Wind Headwinds'](#)," an article in *Riviera*, regarding a new report proposing policy changes and regulatory updates that can help overcome challenges in the US offshore wind sector.

Perkins Coie partner Ted Boling, who co-authored the report and previously served on the President's Council on Environmental Quality and as the country's top National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lawyer said, "Our analysis found that key federal agencies like Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and US Coast Guard can enhance their collection of information, interagency co-ordination, and address the high demand for efficient environmental review and authorization decisions.

"None of these obstacles are insurmountable and our recommendations lean heavily on adapting existing legal and regulatory tools for this emerging clean energy industry."

The report, co-authored by Perkins Coie partners Don Baur and Laura Morton, calls for an integrated management approach that includes an efficient and effective planning and permitting process, evidence-based decisions, an adaptive monitoring framework as well as robust stakeholder engagement.

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