

Buchalter Signs Team of Energy Attorneys in San Francisco

Buchalter announced that a team of attorneys, Evelyn Kahl, Michael Alcantar, Nora Sheriff, Donald Brookhyser, and Katherine “Katy” Morsony, have joined the firm as members of its Energy & Natural Resources Group in the San Francisco office.

Joining the firm from Alcantar & Kahl, the team, including two analysts and a legal administrator, provides regulatory and corporate counsel to private companies engaged in energy matters, the firm said. The group’s experience includes matters relating to climate change, electricity, natural gas, clean energy, and demand response.

“Enhancing the firm’s energy expertise has been a high priority for us, and we are thrilled to welcome this talented team of attorneys to Buchalter,” said President and Chief Executive Officer Adam J. Bass.

With more than three decades of experience in the energy industry, Kahl advises electricity and natural gas infrastructure owners, transporters, and end-users on the integration of California energy laws and regulations. She also has experience representing the regulated industries of water, telecommunications and transportation, most recently on the topic of passenger transportation using autonomous vehicles. Kahl earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of California, Hastings School of Law and her B.A., magna cum laude, from Concordia College.

“We are delighted to join Buchalter. With the firm’s well-established reputation and full service platform, our team will be able to service our clients on a larger scale,” said

Kahl.

Alcantar's experience includes energy policy and infrastructure development, legislative actions, administrative and judicial litigation, agency and regulatory compliance, engagement, and advocacy. He represents large industrial customers, conventional and renewable project developers, generation operations and procurement entities. Specifically, Alcantar handles solicitations, compliance, and the negotiation and development of successful agreements in support of new or repowered projects. Further, a significant part of his practice addresses project development, ongoing operations and regulatory compliance for large cogeneration or combined heat and power (CHP) resources under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). He earned his J.D. from the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Southern California.

"Buchalter's growth and commitment to the future is remarkable," added Alcantar. "I am excited to be joining lawyers that provide clients with outstanding service and effective business solutions."

Sheriff focuses her practice on electric and natural gas regulatory and administrative litigation, legislative efforts, and end-use contractual transactions; she works to ensure clean energy tools are available for large end-use customers to help mitigate the impacts of the high cost of California power on California manufacturing. She received her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, her B.A. in International Affairs at George Washington University, and her M.A. in International Affairs from California State University, Sacramento.

"I am so excited to continue to represent our clients at Buchalter and for the opportunity to grow our practice with the impressive platform Buchalter provides," said Sheriff.

As a civil litigator and a utility law specialist, Brookhyser represents independent generators. He earned his J.D. from Georgetown Law and his B.A. from the University of Oregon. Morsony's experience includes California's energy efficiency and greenhouse gas programs. She earned her J.D. with honors from The University of Texas School of Law and her B.A. from Emory University where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.