

# Stroock Continues Growth With Energy Duo Expanding Corporate Group

Stroock today welcomed partners John F. Pierce and Jason T. Kuzma, expanding the commodities, derivatives and energy team within the firm's corporate practice. The additions raise to 11 the number of lateral partners the firm has onboarded within the last year as part of its growth strategy.

John and Jason focus on the structuring, financing and development of energy and infrastructure projects globally. They join from Perkins Coie, where John co-chaired the Clean Technology industry group and headed the carbon-related and hydrogen practices.

"With their collective experience in power generation, renewables, LNG, transmission and distribution, John and Jason strengthen our leading position in commodities, derivatives and energy transactions. They will offer great experience and value to our clients," said Firm Co-Managing Partner Jeff Keitelman.

John's recent work includes development of utility-scale solar projects in North American and Asia; transactions involving liquefied natural gas in Asia; and the development and financing of onshore and offshore wind farms across the United States. He also works with carbon mitigating credits, offsets and trading structures, carbon trading protocols and markets, carbon sequestration, and related market-based means to add value to energy projects.

Jason represents major utilities, telecommunications companies, investment banks, renewable energy developers, independent power producers and large customers of electricity on purchase agreements in a variety of contexts, including

selling and buying environmental attributes, energy-related litigation, network and transmission issues, and various regulatory proceedings.

“Stroock is a go-to firm for complex transactions in the energy markets,” said corporate recruiting partner Brett Lawrence. “Our deep industry knowledge fuels our ability to design solutions that help clients structure and finance major infrastructure projects, but also mitigate regulatory and operational risks as they grow their businesses. John and Jason will be right at home at Stroock, particularly in the fast-growing renewables space.”

John earned his J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law and his B.A. from San Francisco State University and completed Harvard Business School’s Executive Training Program. Jason earned his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and his B.A. from Central Michigan University.