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BIOGRAPHY

James Pryde practices in the Energy and National Resources Group and Private Equity Group, with particular emphasis on mergers, acquisitions and corporate finance and is the Co-Head of the firm's Renewables and Sustainable Energy Industry Sector. Mr. Pryde has significant experience as lead counsel in acquiring, financing and developing energy resources and infrastructure, representing private equity funds in acquisitions in a variety of industries and in representing agribusinesses in general matters.

His energy and infrastructure experience includes all aspects of development, acquisition, finance and sale of energy generation and transmission, including wind; solar; hydro; storage; biomass; waste-to-energy; coal and natural gas pipeline distribution and transmission. Mr. Pryde has also been involved with multiple power purchase agreements.

Mr. Pryde's private equity practice involves all phases of representation of private equity funds, including fund formation and acquisition, representation and disposition of portfolio companies. In addition to energy and infrastructure, Mr. Pryde has represented private equity funds in landfill facilities, waste hauling, rock quarries, pollution control, sound suppression, home construction materials, and pet treats, among other areas.

With Mr. Pryde's central location in Kansas City and the multiple offices of the firm, Mr. Pryde is able to bring his significant experience to transactions throughout the U.S., all at Midwestern rates. Further, Mr. Pryde has been praised by clients for his "solution oriented" method of representation and for his ability to get complex and difficult transactions completed on a timely basis and within budget.

CLIENT STORY

James advised [American Electric Power \(AEP\)](#), one of the USA's largest electricity producers, on the acquisition of a significant portfolio of operating wind farms and development projects spanning seven states. BCLP's solution helped AEP get this \$1.05 billion deal over the line and take a major step towards achieving its renewables goal.

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- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2008-2016, 2020, 2022, 2023; Kansas City Lawyer of the Year - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, 2015, 2018 and 2022
- *Chambers USA*, Missouri-Kansas City & Surrounds, Corporate/M&A, 2010-present
- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*, 2007-2013
- University of Illinois – Articles Editor, *Law Review*, and Member, Board of Editors
- Health Forward Foundation - Vice Chair and headed CEO Search Committee

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 1982

EDUCATION

University of Illinois, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1982

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Energy Transition
- Zero Emission Vehicles & Charging Infrastructure
- Agribusiness
- Food & Beverage
- Pubs, Clubs & Restaurants
- Data Center & Digital Infrastructure Team
- Corporate
- AdTech
- PropTech
- Renewables
- ESG & Energy Transition
- Tax & Private Client
- Tax Credit Transactions
- Food & Agribusiness
- Private Equity

EXPERIENCE

- Representation of Solar developer in sale of 3 solar projects in ERCOT
- Representation of multiple tax equity providers in over 20 transactions as local counsel (including real estate, permitting, S&L tax and State Regulatory) in wind farm transactions
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition and project finance of 11 solar projects in New Jersey
- Representation of private equity sponsor in series of acquisitions of commercial energy storage projects
- Representation of private equity sponsor in the acquisition of multiple series of community solar projects
- Representation of financial provider in sale/leaseback of solar facility

- Represent private equity sponsor in joint venture for development and subsequent sale of renewable energy sources on military bases
- Represent private equity sponsor in multiple energy infrastructure financings
- Represent private equity sponsor in acquisition of natural gas fired/co-generation power plants in California
- Represent private equity sponsor in acquisition of natural gas fired power plant in New York
- Represent wind developer in Illinois in preparation of wind leases
- Representation of private equity sponsor in sale of 272 MW power plant in Colorado
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition and project financing of 5 natural gas fired peaker plants in California
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition of 656 MW power plant in Illinois
- Representation of private equity sponsor in sale of 656 MW power plant in Illinois
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition of 795 MW power plant in Oklahoma
- Representation of private equity sponsor in sale of 795 MW power plant in Oklahoma
- Representation of private equity sponsor in refinancing of peaker power plants in California
- Representation of private equity sponsor in development and COD of peaker plant in California
- Representation of private equity sponsor in proposed acquisition of a wind farm in Idaho
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition and financing and then later sale of “roof-top” solar company
- Representation of private equity sponsor in connection with proposed acquisition of bio-mass plant in Georgia
- Representation of a private equity sponsor in acquisition of interests in a wind turbine technology company
- Representation of a private equity sponsor in acquisition of military component supplier
- Representation of a private equity sponsor in hydraulics manufacturer
- Representation of a private equity sponsor in sale of synthetic roofing company

- Representation of a private equity sponsor in acquisition of the largest waste disposal company in the Midwest
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition of 2 rock quarries in Midwest
- Representation of a private equity sponsor in acquisition of a manufacturer of natural gas piping systems and sound suppression/pollution reduction systems
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition of variable speed drive motor manufacturer
- Representation of a private equity sponsor in sale of 2 rock quarries in Midwest
- Represent University developer in construction, project finance and tax equity financing of wind, solar and geothermal
- Represent developer in construction and project finance of a closed-end biogas fuel ethanol facility
- Represent wind turbine manufacturer in acquisition of wind turbine retro-fit project
- Represent agribusiness company in construction and financing of a large meat processing plant
- Representation of management in a leveraged buyout of a large insurance brokerage company
- Representation of insurance brokerage company in acquisition of a wealth management company
- Representation of the seller in connection with a proposed sale of a casino in Kansas
- Formed a private equity fund focusing on energy and infrastructure
- Formed two related private equity funds focusing on acquisition of mid-sized manufacturing companies
- Representation of G&T Co-ops in sale leasebacks of power plants in Alaska, Arkansas and Colorado
- Representation of buyer in sale leaseback of power plant in Kansas
- Representation of seller of a natural gas pipeline in Kansas to a publicly held company
- Representation of buyer in the acquisition and multi-tiered project financing of a gas pipeline in eastern Missouri

- Representation of buyer in the acquisition and project financing of a gas pipeline to a government facility in southern Missouri
- Representation of seller of gas pipeline in eastern Missouri
- Representation of seller of gas pipeline in southern Missouri
- Representation of large agri-business company in CFTC and USDA investigations, which resulted in no charges being filed
- Representation of private equity sponsor in acquisition of multiple agriculture businesses, including oil separation business and other specialty foods businesses
- Representation of private equity portfolio company in acquisition of specialty meat processor, grain processing company and multiple grain storage companies
- Representation of major agriculture company in sale of pork, beef and fertilizer operations

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between the investor and the public utility or holding company. While the Commission spoke in terms of prospective application of the prior approval requirement, its holdings may result in affiliations that necessitate MBR Change in Status filings, MBR Relational Database updates, or other corrective actions.

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