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Brook's practice focuses on climate change and renewable energy.

Brook helps his clients navigate domestic and international climate change programs and regulations, develop renewable energy projects, and generate carbon offsets and reductions. He advises clients on negotiating, structuring, and implementing transactions related to carbon reductions, and has supported the development and transaction of several billion USD in carbon assets. Brook also supports clients through all phases of renewable energy projects, with experience in solar, wind, biomass, and biogas, with a focus on relevant regulations, incentives, permitting, and commercial agreements. Additionally, he represents clients on emerging ESG and sustainability matters, including achieving emissions reductions, launching low-carbon products, and complying with disclosure and green marketing requirements.

Brook resides in Maine and serves as Managing Principal of B&D's Boston office, and as the Chair of the firm's Sustainability Committee. Prior to joining the firm, Brook was an associate in the environmental department of a large international law firm; previously, he served as a law clerk at the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

Brook also maintains an active pro bono practice, counseling individuals and non-profit entities on a range of legal matters in New England.

Education

- Dartmouth College (B.A., 1998)
 - Environmental Studies
 - Environmental Studies Department, Teaching Assistant
 - Biology Department, Research Assistant
- Lewis & Clark (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2009)
 - Certificate in Environmental & Natural Resources Law
 - Environmental Law Review, Associate Editor
 - Moot Court Honor Board

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts

- District of Columbia
- Maine

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals - First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals - Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court – District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court - Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court – Western District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- Boston Bar Association
- Maine State Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

Honors & Awards

- *The Legal 500*, recognition in Environmental Regulatory Law (2024)
- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Pro Bono Honor Roll (2023)
- *Super Lawyers, part of Thomson Reuters*, Massachusetts Rising Star (2017-2019)
- *Lawdragon Green 500: Leaders in Environmental Law* (2023-2025)
- 2023 Go To Lawyer for Environmental/Energy Law, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll (2022)

Representative Matters

Climate Change/Renewable Energy

Brook's climate change and renewable energy experience includes:

- Supporting federal permitting processes for the nation's largest offshore wind project, resulting in the successful issuance of relevant approvals.
- Negotiation and drafting of virtual power purchase agreements, most recently with respect to a large wind project in West Texas.
- Advising a broad range of clients on state and federal renewable energy policies, incentives, and regulations.

- Support for carbon sequestration and storage (CCS) activities, including regulatory analysis and negotiation of commercial agreements related to subsurface rights.
- Advising clients during the structuring and development of numerous carbon offset and renewable energy projects and transactions, including carbon storage and removals, U.S. forest offset projects, hydroelectric projects under the Clean Development Mechanism, domestic landfill gas-to-energy development, and a novel trans-border carbon offset generation project involving chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) destruction.
- Representing Native American tribes and corporations during the development of large carbon offset projects on tribal forest lands.
- Drafting model renewable portfolio standards, with a specific focus on biomass power and CHP facilities.
- Developing regulatory guidance and strategy for dozens of energy and clean energy companies on a wide range of environmental issues, including state and federal greenhouse gas regulations, emerging incentive programs, and traditional environmental permitting.
- Counseling clients on carbon accounting, climate risk disclosures, and green marketing considerations related to GHG reductions.

Litigation

Brook's litigation experience includes:

- Winning a complete victory, after a six-week jury trial in federal court, for a major multinational corporation accused of causing contamination in a waterway adjacent to a former facility.
- Obtaining summary judgment for a major utility in Clean Air Act (CAA) litigation involving thousands of claims and alleged damages exceeding \$100 million.
- Representing clients in numerous cases brought under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and state Superfund laws.
- Serving as primary counsel in Third Circuit appeal of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory action directed at an electric generating facility.
- Representing refinery and utility companies during litigation related to the adoption of state and federal regulations governing air quality and emissions.