

Bio

Mr. Shimamoto represents both purchasers and sellers in connection with partnership acquisitions and dispositions and taxable and tax-free corporate transactions in the U.S. and cross-border contexts. Mr. Shimamoto also represents clients in connection with private letter ruling requests submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

In addition, Mr. Shimamoto advises clients in the energy sector on a variety of tax matters involving the structuring, development, acquisition and/or disposition of renewable energy projects, and the related project financing, including the qualification for and monetization of tax credits and other tax benefits associated with such projects.

Mr. Shimamoto is recognized in *Chambers Global* and *Chambers USA* as a leading practitioner in the area of Projects: Renewables and Alternative Energy. He frequently writes and lectures on tax-related topics, including in programs sponsored by the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Practising Law Institute, Tax Executives Institute and other organizations.

Selected representations include:

- **Lattice Semiconductor Corporation** in its \$1.3 billion acquisition by Canyon Bridge Capital Partners Inc.;
- **First Solar, Inc.** in numerous matters, including:
 - the tax equity investment by affiliates of General Electric Company and Goldman, Sachs & Co. in the Moapa project, a 250-megawatt photovoltaic solar power plant in Clark County, Nevada; and
 - the formation and initial public offering of 8point3 Energy Partners LP, a joint venture yieldco with SunPower;

- **Dynergy Inc.** in its acquisition by Vistra Energy Corp.;
- **Dynergy Inc.** and **Energy Capital Partners (ECP)** in connection with their \$3.3 billion acquisition of ENGIE, S.A.'s U.S. fossil electric generation portfolio through a newly formed joint venture, Atlas Power, LLC. Also advising Dynergy in connection with the joint venture arrangements with ECP and ECP's related purchase of Dynergy's common stock for \$150 million;
- **SunEdison, Inc.** in numerous matters, including:
 - a first-of-its-kind, \$1 billion "warehouse" debt financing to fund the construction of its pipeline of renewable energy projects that it plans to drop down into its affiliated yieldco, TerraForm Power. The warehouse construction facility also included a \$500 million third-party equity commitment from First Reserve Corporation; and
 - numerous tax matters relating to its Chapter 11 reorganization in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York;
- **Pattern Energy Group LP (Pattern Development)** in the \$269 million sale of its interests in the 324-megawatt Broadview Wind power facility in New Mexico and the associated independent 35-mile 345 kV Western Interconnect transmission line to Pattern Energy Group Inc. This matter was named the 2016 North America Transmission Deal of the Year by IJGlobal;
- **NextEra Energy Partners, LP**, a growth-oriented limited partnership formed by NextEra Energy Inc. to own and operate clean energy projects, in its \$467 million initial public offering of common units representing limited partner interests;
- **JPMorgan Infrastructure Investments Fund** in its acquisition of a 50 percent joint venture interest in Sonnedix Power Holdings;

- **DSP Merrill Lynch Limited, Axis Capital Limited, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited and YES Bank Limited** (as sole international counsel) as lead managers in the \$163 million combined primary/secondary initial public offering and dual listing on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India of Inox Wind Limited (India), a provider of wind power solutions. The offering included a Rule 144A/Regulation S offering. This was the largest Indian IPO since June 2013;
- **J.P. Morgan Securities LLC** as sole bookrunner in a \$2.3 billion Rule 144A/Regulation S high-yield offering of 9.75% senior secured notes due 2022 by FMG Resources (August 2006) Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (Australia), a producer of iron ore;
- **Barclays, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Standard Chartered and DBS Bank Limited** as joint lead managers in a US\$1 billion Rule 144A/Regulation S offering of 4.375% senior notes due 2025 by Bharti Airtel Limited (India), a telecommunications company with operations in twenty countries across Asia and Africa. The notes were listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange;
- **TECO Energy, Inc.** in its \$10.4 billion acquisition by Emera, Inc. (Canada); and
- **RPX Corporation** in its US\$232 million acquisition of Inventus Solutions, Inc. from investors led by Clearlake Capital Group, LP.