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The global demand for clean, renewable energy has rapidly expanded in recent years and will likely continue to escalate in the decades to come. Wind and solar energy systems often require large quantities of land and airspace, so their growing presence is generating a diverse array of new and challenging land use conflicts. Wind turbines can create noise, disrupt views or radar systems, and threaten bird populations. Solar energy projects can cause glare effects, impact pristine wilderness areas, and deplete water resources. Developers must successfully navigate through these and myriad other land use conflicts to complete any renewable energy project. Policymakers are increasingly confronted with disputes over these issues and are searching for rules to effectively govern them. Tailoring innovative policies to address the unique conflicts that arise in the context of renewable energy development is crucial to ensuring that the law facilitates rather than impedes the continued growth of this important industry.

This book describes and analyses the property and land use policy questions that most commonly arise in renewable energy development. Although it focuses primarily on issues that have arisen within the United States, the book’s discussions of international policy differences and critiques of existing approaches make it a valuable resource for anyone exploring these issues in a professional setting anywhere in the world. [https://www.amazon.com/Solar-Wind-Land-Conflicts-Development/dp/0415520479](https://www.amazon.com/Solar-Wind-Land-Conflicts-Development/dp/0415520479)

This book is the nation’s first hardcover casebook devoted to renewable energy law and policy—a captivating and rapidly expanding area of legal practice. It provides a comprehensive and accessible introduction to the diverse array of legal issues associated with renewable energy development, ranging from wind rights to solar access protection to geothermal resource rights. The book also features detailed coverage of various policy questions that continue to impact the renewable energy sector, including debates about the propriety of renewable energy subsidies and about how to address rooftop solar growth’s impacts on electric utilities. In addition to its dozens of excerpted cases, statutes, and articles, the book contains a simplified wind energy lease and realistic samples of other materials that transactional lawyers are likely to encounter when representing renewable energy developers. With more than 200+ answerable questions and several extended Policy Problems and Practical Skills Exercises, the book is ideal for educational use. However, its unique and exhaustive contents also make it a valuable resource for anyone seeking to do legal or policy work in the nation’s burgeoning renewable energy industry. [https://www.amazon.com/Renewable-Energy-Practice-American-Casebook/dp/168328142X](https://www.amazon.com/Renewable-Energy-Practice-American-Casebook/dp/168328142X)

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