



## Statement of Qualifications Legal Counsel

### Joan M. Fortin, Esq.

Attorney Joan M. Fortin is assisting the Company in its negotiations with the local hosting jurisdictions on matters related to property tax valuation, tax increment financing and tangible benefits. Joan has been a member of Bernstein Shur's Municipal and Governmental Services practice for over 20 years, and she has been working with local communities and developers to create tax increment financing (TIF) arrangements for most of that time. Joan had a hand in creating and negotiating most of the TIFs that exist in Maine today for grid-scale wind energy projects. Joan's wind TIF practice includes helping wind energy developers understand and manage their property tax liability and includes helping wind energy developers satisfy the statutory "community benefits package" requirement in a manner that is tailored to the needs of the local host communities.

### Education

JD, Northeastern University School of Law  
M.Ed, University of Maine  
BA, Colby College

### Admitted to Practice

States of Maine and Alaska  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
US District Court, Districts of Maine and Alaska  
US Court of Appeals, First and Ninth Circuits

### Awards

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* for municipal law
- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- Named Lawyer of the Year for 2013 Portland, ME, municipal law by *Best Lawyers*

