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#### CAPABILITIES

Environment & Energy  
Transportation  
Indian Law  
Litigation  
Public Law & Policy  
Real Estate  
Tribal Environmental Matters  
Project Development, Permitting and Environmental Reviews  
Risk Assessment and Environmental Insurance  
Environmental Litigation  
Environmental Policy and Advocacy  
Renewable Energy  
Contamination, Environmental Investigations and Cleanups and Brownfields  
Environmental Aspects of Corporate and Real Estate Transactions

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Mr. Shavitz is the Team Leader of the firm's Environment and Energy Practice Team, and has more than 20 years of experience counseling and advocating for clients on environmental and land use issues associated with developing large-scale infrastructure, energy, and commercial projects; securing federal, state and local governmental permits and approvals; advising sellers, purchasers, lenders, and investors on environmental issues associated with corporate, real estate and energy transactions; and advocating for favorable policy decisions and legislation before Congress. Mr. Shavitz's clients have included corporations, municipalities, developers, investors, state and local governments, private equity funds, and Indian tribes.

While Mr. Shavitz's practice is national in scope, he has particular expertise advising clients on projects, transactions and legal issues in New York State, where he has practiced for his entire career, and on federal issues in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Lippes Mathias, Mr. Shavitz practiced law at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C., in the Environmental and Public Law and Policy practice groups.

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## **Representative Matters**

### **Project Development**

Mr. Shavitz assists clients in navigating the myriad regulatory and political issues that are essential to plan and develop projects of all types and sizes. Drawing on almost two decades of experience advising project developers and other stakeholders on major infrastructure, energy, commercial, real estate and transportation projects, Mr. Shavitz crafts and implements multipronged strategies to meet his clients' development needs—from project planning through construction and operations—by working closely with clients' teams of professionals; project regulators (both local and in Washington, D.C.); federal, state and local elected officials; and project supporters.

### **Regulatory Practice**

Mr. Shavitz regularly advises clients on permitting and completing environmental studies and securing approvals required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Clean Water Act, New York's Protection of Waters and Freshwater Wetlands laws, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. He successfully integrates legal experience into all phases of the project planning and development process to reduce delays and project costs, and minimize litigation risks. Mr. Shavitz has also represented state agencies and developers in environmental litigation, counseled developers and property owners regarding compliance with land use laws, and served as counsel to a town planning board and zoning board of appeals.

### **Environmental Aspects of Corporate and Real Estate Transactions.**

Mr. Shavitz provides environmental advice on a broad range of commercial and real estate transactions, where he counsels buyers, sellers, lenders, borrowers and investors on evaluating environmental liabilities and risks, structuring transactions to minimize risk, and negotiating the allocation of environmental risk between parties in transactions.

### **American Indian Law**

For his tribal clients, Mr. Shavitz has assisted in securing required approvals for development projects located on and off tribal lands, advised on the environmental aspects of land-to-trust applications and leasing of tribal lands, and drafted provisions of tribal codes and regulations. When a nontribal project will impact or threaten tribal lands, Mr. Shavitz ensures that private developers, state agencies and municipalities follow the laws that protect tribal lands, interests and cultural resources.

### **Public Law and Policy Practice**

Mr. Shavitz works regularly with members of Congress and senior government resource agency officials. Mr. Shavitz has represented clients before the Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, United States Air Force, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Department of Transportation.

## **EDUCATION**

- Pace University School of Law, with honors, J.D., 1996
- University of Maryland, College Park, *cum laude*, B.S., 1993

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Olney, Maryland, Zoning Advisory Committee
- Jeffrey Miller International Environmental Moot Court Competition, Judge
- Pace University School of Law, Guest Lecturer (Spring 2015)
- Pace University Washington, D.C., Externship Program, Guest Speaker

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

- Speaker, “Local Government Property Acquisition: In REM Update and Environmental Liability Considerations,” The County Attorneys’ Association of the State of New York’s 2021 Annual Meeting, Albany, NY, September 14, 2021
- Moderator, Transportation Panel, New York State Business Council’s 2021 Renewable Energy Conference, June 29, 2021
- Speaker, Tribal Water in the Southwest, Law Seminars International, June 2020
- Moderator, Panel on Corporate Sustainability with Anna Marciano, (VP, Associate General Counsel & Secretary, Nestlé Waters North America Inc.) and Steven Sarno (Senior Corporate Counsel, Environmental Compliance at Amazon), Pace University, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, September 9, 2019
- International Union of Operating Engineers Legislative Conference, Pipeline Permitting and Safety, July 22, 2019, Washington, DC
- Speaker, “Developing renewable energy projects on tribal lands and in working with the federal government,” Future of Technology Summit, Native American/Alaskan-Business Incubator Workshop, on April 9, 2019
- Speaker, AWEA Wind Project Siting and Environmental Compliance Conference, March, 2017
- Panelist, “Tribal Land Use Planning, Regulation and Management,” Law Seminars International Conference on Tribal Economic Development in the Southwest, April 2015
- Guest Lecturer, “Siting Energy Projects,” Pace University School of Law, April 2015
- Panelist, “NEPA and Enhanced Use Leases,” Association of Defense Communities Annual Conference, 2009
- Panelist, “Attorney Round Table and Q&A: Avoiding Potential Legal Hurdles When Developing Projects,” 8th Annual National Native American Economic Development Conference, June 2014
- Speaker, “Tribal Land Use Planning, Regulation and Management,” Tribal Economic Development in the Southwest Conference, Law Seminars International, April 2015
- Speaker, Deloitte Alternative Energy Seminar, Environmental Law and Policy Update, September 2012
- Panelist, “Protecting Cultural Resources in the Development of Energy Infrastructure,” National Congress of American Indians Annual Meeting, July 2010
- Presenter, “How to Succeed in the U.S. Army’s Upcoming Bid for Renewable Energy Projects,” September 2012

## ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

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