

John Harper Biography



John Harper founded and leads Birch Tree Capital, which advises project developers, power buyers, private equity investors, and non-profit entities on renewable power contracts and financing structures. John has over three decades of experience in infrastructure project financing, and has closed project equity and debt financing for multiple utility and commercial-scale renewable power projects. Recent mandates include identifying potential investors for solar and wind tax equity partnerships and advising several companies and towns in negotiating solar power purchase contracts. He has advised multiple cleantech venture firms, including Ze-gen, Mascoma, Global Energy Investors, Noesis, and Black Coral Capital, as well as federal clean energy research laboratories and state agencies. He is a managing director of the Carreden Group sourcing tax equity investors. He co-founded Cedar Energy Investors, which develops and owns distributed commercial solar projects in New England. Previously, he led project financing teams for EDF Renewable Energy, Wärtsilä, ABB, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC). John holds FINRA Series 7 and 63 licenses, a M.A. in Law & Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a B.A. from Pomona College.