

IPED Presents Timely Solar Energy Financing Conference in Silicon Valley
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On June 17 and 18, IPED held a “Financing Solar Energy” conference at the Four Seasons Hotel in Palo Alto, California. Ten Nixon Peabody attorneys participated in the event together with many other high-profile speakers from outside the firm. The conference focused on an overview of technologies and how they can be used in commercial and residential facilities, information regarding the pending legislation and current federal policies for solar energy, and an overview of the various sources of available money.

Partners Herb Stevens, Jim Duffy, and Michael Goldman chaired the well-attended conference, and each also participated as speakers or moderators. Partner Rick Goldstein joined Herb in leading the discussion of the 2010 legislative and regulatory changes affecting solar incentives. They were joined by Derek Dorn, senior counsel, Office of the Honorable Jeff Bingaman; Sanjay Wagle, Renewable Energy Advisor, Recovery Act Programs, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy; and John Geesman, Co-chairman, ACORE and former California energy commissioner, 2002–2008. (Click [here](#) to see the full list of speakers.)

Other NP attorneys participating in the Silicon Valley conference were Albany partner Richard Cogen, San Francisco partner Travis Gibbs, New York partner David Graybeal, Boston partner Forrest Milder, Silicon Valley partner Greg O’Hara, and Washington, DC, partner Deborah DeMasi. **David Kaufman**, the firm’s Director of Regional Sales, also worked with IPED on the conference planning committee.