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Abraham Silverman joined the Center on Global Energy Policy as the director of the Non-Technical Barriers to the Clean Energy Transition initiative. The Initiative is designed to identify major legal and regulatory bottlenecks to the clean energy transition and then provide state and federal policy makers with pragmatic solutions to address those challenges. Major focus areas include legal and regulatory barriers at the state and federal level, market rules and economic incentives, and social acceptance and just deployment of infrastructure. Before joining the Center, Abe served as general and executive policy counsel with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. His portfolio includes developing offshore wind, solar, electric vehicle, energy storage, and interconnection reform programs, along with quantifying and managing ratepayer impacts of the clean energy transition. He also led New Jersey's engagement with PJM Interconnection, the regional grid operator for the state, on topics such as implementing the state's first-in-the-nation offshore wind transmission solicitation, resource adequacy, clean energy market design, and transmission policy. Previously, Abe spent more than a decade at NRG Energy, Inc., as deputy general counsel and vice president of regulatory affairs. He supported NRG's power markets team, power plant operations group, renewable development, and state retail electricity market programs. He also led the company's advocacy at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and anti-trust compliance work at the Department of Justice/Federal Trade Commission. Abe has worked as an associate with Perkins Coie LLP and as a staff attorney with FERC. Abe has testified before the United States Senate's Energy & Commerce Committee, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the New Jersey Senate, and is the author of numerous pleadings at the state and federal level, including before the U.S. Supreme Court and various U.S. Courts of Appeals. He received a Bachelor's from the University of Maryland and his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.