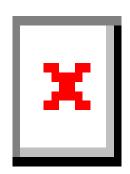


Gray Reed Energy Practice Expands into Rocky Mountain States

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Gray Reed & McGraw's Energy section today announced that the firm has expanded its focus to encompass the Rocky Mountain states by becoming licensed in Montana and Utah. Gray Reed is already licensed in North Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Alabama.

"Practicing oil and gas law in the Rocky Mountain states involves unique challenges as many basins cross state lines and require law firms to be conversant in multiple jurisdictions, "said Paul Yale, the Energy section leader and shareholder for Gray Reed. "Federal and leasing and unitization issues are also frequently encountered in the Rockies and require highly specialized legal knowledge."



Yale, who has been working land and legal issues in the Rocky Mountain States since living and working in Denver in the early 1980s provides leadership for the section and assures that Gray Reed's Rocky Mountain clients receive Gray Reed's characteristic high quality legal services at competitive prices. Gray Reed believes its oil and gas section is unique among law firms in Texas in its commitment to and expertise in the Rocky Mountain States.

Gray Reed's oil & gas team includes a strong core group of experienced oil and gas lawyers who have a wealth of experience in the examination of title and preparation of title opinions for drilling, division orders, financing transactions, and acquisitions. Properties examined range from urban shale plays with units involving hundreds of town lots to more traditional title examination in rural areas including both exploratory plays and complex secondary recovery units.

In addition, Gray Reed's title examiners have access to a wealth of information and experience that only a larger firm could provide. With over 120 lawyers and offices in Dallas, Houston and Tyler, Gray Reed is a full service commercial firm with a strong focus in the energy industry handling all types of matters including business litigation, corporate transactions, tax planning and litigation, real estate, labor and employment law, intellectual property and bankruptcy. For more information, visit www.grayreed.com.