

Energy

Today more than ever, energy companies find themselves in need of trusted representation from counsel who understand the increasingly complex issues emerging in this challenging and rapidly evolving industry. With offices in Dallas and Houston, our firm covers almost every facet of the energy industry. Our specific legal expertise and experience in the energy field includes the following areas:

- Asset sales and divestitures
- Energy financing (public and private)
- Energy litigation, arbitrations, and mediation
- Energy bankruptcies and restructuring
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Title examinations and curative
- SEC compliance
- Oil and gas lease negotiations
- Operating agreements
- Farmout negotiations
- Unitization
- Pooling
- Natural gas sales and processing
- Oil and natural gas gathering and transportation
- Pipeline condemnations
- Facilities agreements
- Master services agreements
- Regulatory advice



Gray Reed's Energy Expertise

Energy Transactions/Oil and Gas

Our energy team regularly provides legal services in connection with oil and gas acquisitions and divestitures. They have documented and closed numerous high value transactions.

In addition, the energy team handles a myriad of other matters, both domestic and international, including advice on joint operating agreements, farmouts, leasing, joint ventures, areas of mutual interest, private equity transactions, surface agreements, facilities agreements, pooling, unitization, drilling and master services

agreements, gathering and processing agreements, crude oil and natural gas sales agreements, and associated regulatory matters.

Our energy transactional team also includes a group of attorneys focusing on oil and gas title examination. Our firm currently writes oil and gas title and division order opinions in 9 states: Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Montana, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Louisiana and Ohio.

Energy Finance, Tax and Securities

Our corporate team includes attorneys who regularly assist energy companies in pursuing solutions to a variety of corporate energy issues and matters including energy financing and borrowing, SEC compliance, tax advice, mergers and acquisitions, equipment leases and entity formations.

Energy Litigation

Our energy litigators have vast experience in a wide variety of energy disputes and in trying energy-related cases around the country in state and federal courts and before arbitration panels, tribunals, regulatory agencies and administrative judges. Our lawyers have a proven record of achieving favorable outcomes from small disputes up to significant national class actions and other large, multi-party disputes.

Energy Bankruptcy and Restructuring

We also represent and advise troubled energy companies, trustees, secured and unsecured creditors, equity holders, owners, managers, committees and other constituents in financial distress, workout, turnaround, restructuring, planning and bankruptcy scenarios.

Gray Reed Clients

We represent multinational energy producers, independent operators of all sizes, and a broad range of midstream and upstream energy concerns.

Our Knowledge of the Industry

Before moving to private practice, many of our attorneys have worked for major and independent energy companies and have served on boards of various energy companies. Our energy attorneys include three board certified oil, gas and mineral law specialists (by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization) and are licensed in numerous oil and gas producing states, which enables us to fully cover the energy centers of the United States. Our energy lawyers are frequent authors and lecturers on energy topics and have held leadership positions in such industry-focused organizations such as the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Energy

Law Institute, Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association and the Energy Sections of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, Houston Bar Association and the Dallas Bar Association.

Several attorneys regularly contribute to the firm's [Energy & The Law](#) blog, which is focused on exploring critical developments in the energy industry and how they impact clients from a legal and business perspective.

Why Energy Clients Feel at Home at Gray Reed

Your experience with our energy attorneys will be fully aligned with your goals and objectives and tailored specifically to how you want to do business with us. Our lawyers are adaptable and nimble – you will never be forced into a box that doesn't fit your opportunity or problem, or your needs and desires. Whether we are your longtime partner in closing a high value transaction or solving your energy disputes in the courtroom, you'll be comfortable with our skill and practical approach. We know exactly when to turn up the heat and when collaboration is the smartest way for you to achieve your goals.