

## Energy: Transactional

We serve as principal outside corporate and securities counsel to many publicly traded companies based in the Gulf South Region and to many privately held entities, including companies engaged in oil and gas exploration, development, and production; oilfield services, both onshore and offshore; and mining.

### *Corporate*

Drawing on our experience in commercial lending and finance, real estate, land use, project development, environmental and other practice areas, our attorneys have handled all facets of energy transactions, including:

- Asset acquisitions
- General corporate matters
- Joint ventures
- Licensing arrangements and international business transactions
- Mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures
- Public and private offerings of equity and debt securities and other securities matters
- Securities law counseling
- Start-up and initial capitalization

### *Industry Agreements*

In both the onshore and offshore arena, we have negotiated, drafted, and interpreted virtually every type of agreement used in the industry including:

- Asset purchase and sale agreements
- Drilling agreements
- Exploration agreements
- Facilities construction and installation agreements
- Facilities use agreements
- Farmouts/sublease agreements
- Geophysical or seismic data license agreements

- ISDA master agreements for hedging transactions
- Joint bidding agreements
- Joint operating agreements
- Joint venture agreements
- Master swap agreements
- Natural gas hedging agreements
- Oil and gas leases
- Operations and maintenance agreements
- Option agreements
- Participation agreements
- Pipeline, facility, and processing plant joint venture agreements
- Processing plants, pipelines and gathering system agreements
- Product sales agreements
- Production handling agreements
- Right-of-way agreements
- Service and purchase agreements
- Surface and subsurface agreements
- Transportation and processing agreements
- Unitization and pooling agreements

### *Finance, Tax & Bankruptcy*

We have been active in financing transactions from both the lender and borrower side including:

- All types of credit facilities
- Bankruptcy reorganizations
- Bond offerings
- Commercial leasing and financing
- Credit hedges
- Credit insurance and commercial paper agreements
- Lien workouts
- Maritime financing

- Production and sales tax issues
- Project development
- Secured and unsecured lending
- Takeover defense planning
- Trade letters of credit
- Unitization and tax issues

Many of our clients have international operations, and our attorneys have substantial international business law experience, including forming joint ventures, handling licensing arrangements, and project development and finance.

#### ***Mineral Title Opinions***

Our attorneys have years of experience in examining mineral titles, and have issued hundreds of fee title leasehold and division order title opinions covering both onshore and offshore properties. Our opinions commonly set forth the landowners' respective interests in the surface, minerals, bonuses, rentals, and royalties, by tract and/or unit, as well as the respective operating and revenue interests of the parties involved in developing the mineral properties. We also have many years of experience in issuing financing title opinions involving producing property interests. This helps ensure that the client has acquired all necessary property rights and has the information necessary to make payments and otherwise comply with the leases and other agreements.