

Energy: Litigation

We handle individual and class action disputes, administrative matters, mediation and arbitration, and our experience involves almost every aspect of the energy industry:

Contracts

We have handled disputes involving a variety of agreements in the energy industry, such as:

- Drilling contracts
- Exploration agreements
- Farm-in and farm-out agreements
- Gas processing agreements and purchase contracts
- Intellectual property agreements
- Joint operating agreements
- Joint venture agreements
- Oil and gas leases
- Participation agreements
- Pipeline agreements
- Property acquisition/divestiture agreements
- Seismic exploration agreements

Damage Claims

We handle oilfield property damage disputes, including:

- Claims for delay in construction
- Claims for destruction of wetlands
- Environmental claims
- Oil well liens
- Oilfield anti-indemnity statutes
- Oilfield property restoration claims
- Plant shutdowns and lost production

- Property damage claims
- Seismic trespass
- Well blowout claims

Property Disputes

We handle property disputes of all types in the energy industry, including:

- Boundary disputes
- Expropriation suits
- Pipeline right-of-way/servitude disputes
- Title and survey disputes
- Trespass claims

Other Commercial Disputes

We have experience in other commercial disputes that arise in the energy industry, including:

- *Ad valorem*/severance tax litigation
- Construction claims
- Gas marketing and trading litigation
- Gas plant operational claims
- Insurance claims
- Oil and gas lien disputes
- Pricing disputes under the Natural Gas Policy Act
- Regulatory compliance disputes
- Shareholder valuation matters

Bankruptcy & Business Reorganization

We represent energy companies as both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings, as well as in pre-bankruptcy counseling. Our bankruptcy attorneys also represent energy companies when objections are made to their claims and when preference actions are asserted.

Maritime

We help clients navigate through maritime transactional and litigation matters relating to the offshore and deep-water oil and gas industry, as well as onshore and offshore pipeline litigation and disputes. Our maritime energy attorneys routinely represent both domestic and foreign interests. Specifically, Jones Walker represents and defends companies for oil spills under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), including before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and courts for indemnities, contribution, insurance claims, natural resource actions, and removal actions. The firm is currently representing a company involved in the largest Mississippi River oil spill to date.