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Practice Areas

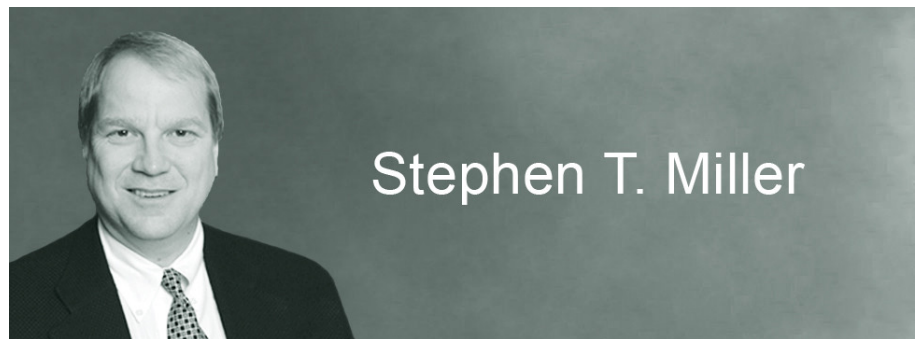
Business & Commercial Transactions
Commercial Lending & Finance
Construction
Disaster Preparedness & Recovery
Energy
Green Law & Sustainability
International
Project Development & Finance
Real Estate: Land Use, Development & Finance

Bar Admissions

New York, 2006
Texas, 1985

Education

University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D., 1984, with highest honors
Oral Roberts University, B.A., 1981, with honors



Stephen Miller is a partner in Jones Walker's Real Estate Practice Group, and practices from the firm's Woodlands office. His practice focuses on the development and finance of electrical power and related energy infrastructure projects, as well as commercial and industrial real estate development and construction projects. He is a transactional attorney with a broad business practice in real estate and energy transactions, and he has advised clients in connection with the purchase, sale, and leasing of commercial and industrial properties. Mr. Miller has experience in a wide range of energy projects, which include upstream E&P, midstream, and downstream projects, as well as electric power projects, both inside and outside the United States.

Mr. Miller represents real estate owners, developers, and lenders in connection with commercial real estate projects, from master-planned residential and commercial developments to commercial office space and shopping centers. He represents clients with industrial development property in connection with power plants and chemical and refining projects. He also represents energy clients within all aspects of energy transactions, including upstream leasing and seismic, exploration and drilling contracts, midstream pipe lines and processing facilities, commodity and non-regulated transportation of fuels and downstream activities such as chemical and petrochemical plants, electric power, and other energy-related infrastructure.

As an extension of his real estate and energy background, he has represented various independent power producers in domestic and international transactions related to the development and construction of greenfield power projects and in the purchase and sale of existing power projects (M&A) and related electrical power infrastructure. He represented the developer of a 1,000-megawatt greenfield combined-cycle electric generation facility in Texas, and represented the same developer in the sale of the project under development to another developer. He has also purchased gas turbines and

other heavy equipment related to electrical generation and production, including the purchase of 32 gas turbines from General Electric. In the past several years, he has worked on numerous M&A transactions involving electric generation and transmission projects, both domestic and international.

Mr. Miller also handles the financing of real estate and energy projects. He has represented both borrowers and lenders in the financing of acquisition and development projects, including the project financing of infrastructure projects. Mr. Miller has significant experience with turnkey design/build agreements related to the construction of power projects, together with the other key components of fuel supply (commodity and transportation) and power sales agreements. He is fluent in Spanish and has worked on real estate and energy projects in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil. He represented the development consortium in the development and construction of the first 1,000 MW electrical transmission line from Argentina to Brazil. He also represented the same consortium in the project financing of the first transmission line, as well as the development and construction of a second 1,000-megawatt Argentina-Brazil transmission line. He is a former co-chair of the infrastructure projects subcommittee of the American Bar Association Committee on International Investment and Development.

Mr. Miller received his bachelor of arts degree, with honors, from Oral Roberts University in 1981, and his juris doctor degree, with highest honors, from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1984. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Inter-American Bar Association, as well as The South Montgomery County Woodlands Economic Development Partnership. He is a native of Santurce, Puerto Rico, and is conversant in Portuguese as well as fluent in Spanish.

Noteworthy

- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

Presentations

- "Doing Business in Latin America"
The Woodlands, Texas, June 24, 2008

- "Latin America and the Petroleum Sector – Legal Issues for Corporate America in the Face of Record Oil Prices and the Rise of State-Owned Oil Companies"
American Bar Association Section on Business Law Spring Meeting, Dallas Texas, April 10, 2008
 - "Global Investment in Brazilian Natural Gas"
US-Brazil Energy Forum, Houston, Texas, October 22, 2007
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Publications

- Tip Sheets For Hiring Contractors in LA and TX
Jones Walker E*Bulletin, October 20, 2005
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Memberships

- American Bar Association
 - Houston Bar Association
 - Inter-American Bar Association
 - New York State Bar Association
 - The South Montgomery County Woodlands Economic Development Partnership (Partner Member)
 - State Bar of Texas
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Languages

- Fluent Spanish
- Conversational Brazilian Portuguese