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Energy, Oil and Gas

The firm's Houston-based energy practice group represents domestic and international oil-and-gas companies in a wide variety of energy-related matters. Our clients include some of the most innovative, diverse, and successful energy companies in the nation and around the world. We work with major and independent oil-and-gas companies, chemical companies, energy service companies, financial institutions, investors, and private equity funds.

We place a special emphasis on litigation and dispute resolution. The group's trial lawyers make a point, first and foremost, of cultivating an intimate understanding of our clients' business priorities in litigated matters. This often allows us to formulate creative, cost-effective strategies for defusing our clients' legal problems outside the courtroom. In this way, we help our clients avoid or abbreviate litigation, conserve resources, and preserve valuable business relationships.

We make a habit of deploying targeted discovery and forceful motion practice to neutralize disputes in their infancy. At the same time, our energy litigators routinely take cases to trial, and our adversaries are sensitized to our ability and willingness to fight tenaciously in the courtroom and all the way through verdict.

We bring to the table practical experience in the energy sector that is simultaneously broad and deep, encompassing a variety of related issues including but not limited to:

- Title issues
- Seismic-related disputes
- Drilling operations and surface damages
- Royalty underpayments
- Offset drilling and development
- Bad-faith pooling
- Cessation of production
- Lease termination

Our veteran energy litigators spearhead all types of complex litigation, including class actions and federal multi-district litigation. In particular, royalty disputes and other species of contested mineral interests have become a hotbed for hard-fought litigation in the energy sector. Royalty lawsuits can easily encompass hundreds or even thousands of mineral owners, and our firm has the knowledge needed to navigate both the merits and class certification issues that arise in these large-scale controversies. The trial lawyers in our energy group are regularly on the front lines of large, high-stakes matters involving allegations of the underpayment and miscalculation of royalties; violations of continuous drilling and development obligations; and improper deductions for transportation, processing, and other post-production expenses. Our group members' diverse industry background also includes advising E&Ps and pipeline companies in mineral

trespass and surface-use disputes, and in related proceedings for emergency and preliminary injunctive relief. Additionally, when royalties and other mineral interests are hotly contested, our energy litigators deftly capitalize on the intricacies that drive title controversies and deed-construction cases to successful conclusions.

We often assist operators and oilfield service providers in disputes surrounding the breach of supply, service, and confidentiality agreements and the theft and misappropriation of trade secrets. When mineral owners are impossible to find, or when they finally emerge after long absences, our energy lawyers help oil-and-gas companies establish, administer, and wind down mineral and royalty receiverships to ensure that time-sensitive operations are never impeded by missing or emerging interest owners. And, in the event business relationships sour, the energy litigation team at KRCL has earned a reputation for diplomatically—and, when push comes to shove, aggressively—resolving disagreements among joint interest partners and other collaborators in the oil patch.

Furthermore, our lawyers are at the forefront of employment law in the energy industry. We have worked arm-in-arm with energy companies over decades and know the businesses of our clients—from the largest operators to the smallest oilfield service companies. We leverage this knowledge to capably traverse the ever-changing legal challenges lying at the intersection of employment law and the energy sector.

Our attorneys frequently advise on compensation and overtime (including oilfield day rate, salary, and hybrid schemes); onboarding, discipline, and termination; HR policies and procedures; reductions in force; executive agreements; OSHA planning and violations; and discrimination and other unfair labor practices. Our goal in each case is to deliver advice tailored to our client's specific operational and business needs. When litigation is required, our talented team of employment litigators act with speed and deliberate intention. Our labor-and-employment clients in the oil-and-gas industry rely on us to craft creative litigation solutions to achieve their case-specific goals.

Finally, we stay ahead of the curve by offering our clients practical guidance on emerging issues like the shifting landscape surrounding the calculation and payment of royalties, including recommended revisions to royalty payment procedures and other best practices aimed at solving problems before they metastasize into costly, full-stroke litigation. By taking proactive measures such as these, our energy lawyers help their clients steer clear of litigation or, at a minimum, strategically position them when litigation cannot be avoided.

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Insights

- Demetri Economou Named to Texas Rising Stars "Up-and-Coming 100" List
- Tom Ciarlone and Demetri Economou Publish Texas Lawyer Article "Freeze-Related Lease Litigation: The Growing Storm in the Oil Patch"
- Triumph at the Fifth Circuit
- PODCAST: ENERGY LAW ROUND UP – Production in Paying Quantities
- Thomas Ciarlone to present at the Dallas Bar Association Energy Section Meeting on Cessation of Production and Production in Paying Quantities
- Federal Energy Policy Under the Biden Administration
- Subrogation Alert: Rolling Brownouts and ERCOT
- 5 First Day Energy Actions Expected from President Biden
- VIDEO: "Oil and Gas Law: In 5 Minutes or Less"
- SCOTX to Review Mineral Lease Boundary Dispute
- PODCAST: Three New Important Oil-and-Gas Cases
- Oil-and-Gas Class Actions: A Cautionary Tale
- The Troubling Intersection of Division Orders, Joint Tenancies, and Estoppel
- PODCAST: Interview with In-House Counsel at Encore Permian
- Texas Supreme Court Addresses Interpretation of Oil-and-Gas Contracts
- Oil and Gas Law: In 5 Minutes or Less
- KRCL Oil-and-Gas Litigation Partner Interviewed on "The Crude Life" Podcast
- U.S. Immigration Outlook for the Remainder of 2020 - Top 10 Strategic Considerations
- VIDEO: COVID-19 and the Oil Patch — Lease Litigation Pitfalls
- LOCKDOWN UPDATE: Energy Industry Exempted from Harris and Galveston County Stay-at-Home Orders
- LOCKDOWN: “Essential” Oil & Gas Work During Coronavirus Stay-At-Home Orders
- The Unsettled Definition of Waters of the United States
- KRCL advises on Petrofac’s $22M purchase of W&W Energy Services
- KRCL aids on Superior’s sale of plunger and gas lift unit to Endurance
- PODCAST: Interpreting Oil-and-Gas Contracts, The Rule of Capture and Mineral Trespass, and Class Action Developments for Operators
- Sixth Circuit Fans the Flames of Class Certification Against Operators
- Rule-of-Capture Showdown: Pennsylvania v. Texas
- SCOTX Issues Another Key Decision for Interpreting Oil-and-Gas Contracts
- Podcast: Royalty Underpayment Class Actions; Duties of the Mineral Executive; and Anti-Pooling Clauses
- Failure to Launch: Eminent Domain Breaks Down in the Texas Legislature
- EVENT: The Impacts of the Texas 86th Legislative Session on the Oil & Gas Industry
- Energy-Related Bankruptcies on the Rise: Protecting Oil & Gas Royalty Interests
- Goodbye Steel and Aluminum Tariffs! (For Mexico and Canada Metals)
- SCOTX Hands Down Decision on Mineral Executive's Obligations to Non-Executives
- Lessor's Acceptance of Royalty Payments Did Not Waive Anti-Pooling Clause
- The Troubling Intersection of Royalty Disputes and Consumer Protection Laws
- Podcast: Royalty Class Actions and Farmout Agreements
- Texas Supreme Court to Mineral Purchasers: Buyer Beware!
- Can Consent Be Withheld Arbitrarily in the Oil Patch?

- Pitfalls and Best Practices Surrounding Digital Signatures in the Oil Patch and Beyond
- Fifth Circuit Sets Dangerous Precedent for Oil-and-Gas Class Actions
- Complimentary Energy Law Breakfast Seminar
- Offset Wells and the Ongoing "Fixed"-Versus-"Floating" Royalty Saga
- Please join us for our Energy Practice Group to Host Fall Breakfast Seminar
- Solid Drilling Waste Management and Recycling in the Oil Patch
- Indemnity and Access Agreements in Environmental Investigations in the Oilfield and Beyond
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- Visa Strategies in the Trump Era and How to Attract and Retain Key Employees in the Oil Patch
- The Evolution of the DOL, the NLRB, and the EEOC Since the November 2016 Election
- Trump's Energy Initiatives: What Are They and Where Do They Stand?
- The Neverending Story: "Fixed" vs. "Floating" Royalties in Texas
- Top 10 Mistakes When Drafting Non-Competes in the Oil Patch
- Kane Russell Coleman Logan to Host Energy Law Seminar in Houston
- SCOTX: When An "Offset Well" Is Not An Offset Well
- Oil and Gas Law: 2Q18 Update
- KRCL Energy Law Breakfast Seminar: Video Preview
- Condemnation and Eminent Domain in the Oilfield and Beyond
- "Latent Occupational Disease" Rule Inapplicable to Frac Fluid Exposure Causing Skin Cancer
- SCOTX: Term Royalty Interests Survive the Rule Against Perpetuities
- Pennsylvania Departs from Texas on Trespass by Hydraulic Fracturing
- "Data Dump" Trade Secrets Prosecution Tactics: Untouched by SCOTX in the Oil Patch
- Technology, Transportation, and the Oil Patch
- Oil and Gas Law: 2018 Thus Far
- Emerging Oilfield Bankruptcy and Insolvency Issues
- Practical Advice for Protecting Trade Secrets in the Oil and Gas Industry
- 2017 Litigation Toolkit: For the Energy Industry and Beyond
- Litigation Update: WATER RIGHTS UPDATE: LANDOWNERS SCORE WIN AGAINST WATER AUTHORITIES – BUT QUESTIONS REMAIN