

OIL, GAS & MINERALS



OVERVIEW

Throughout its history, Foulston Siefkin has handled extensive legal matters relating to oil, gas and minerals in the areas of purchase and sales, exploration, production, marketing, transportation, financing and regulation. Our clients have ranged from individual land and mineral owners to independent oil and gas operators, both large and small, and some of the world's largest major integrated oil and gas companies. When appropriate, we work closely with other lawyers in the firm who concentrate in business, litigation, securities, taxation, and creditors' rights to efficiently provide the full spectrum of legal services needed by our oil and gas clients.

AREAS OF REPRESENTATION

Our oil and gas attorneys routinely provide advice and counsel regarding such matters as:

- Oil and gas leases
- Title examination
- Purchase and sale agreements
- Deeds and other transfer instruments
- Operating agreements
- Unit agreements
- Farmout agreements
- Transfer and division orders
- Gas purchase contracts
- Oil and gas transportation agreements
- Mortgages, deeds of trust and security agreements

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- Rights-of-way
- Licenses
- Easements and seismic permits
- Mining leases
- Salt water disposal agreements, surface use agreements
- Regulatory permitting and compliance
- Representation before the Kansas Corporation Commission
- Litigation, arbitration & dispute resolution regarding disputes involving ownership, market value royalty claims, contract and title claims, lease cancellation claims, implied covenant issues, and contracts

RELATED LINKS

- International Association of Drilling Contractors
- Oil Online
- Energy Information Administration
- Independent Petroleum Association of America
- DOE's Environment, Safety and Health Technical Information
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Center for Atmospheric Research
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
- ToxLaw Resources
- U.S. Geological Survey
- United Nations Environment Programme
- Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA)
- Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association (EKOGA)
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

EXPERIENCE

- Representation of subsidiary of major oil company in the largest financing transaction secured solely by oil and gas properties in Kansas.
- Representation of major oil company in serial, multi-state financing transactions securing debt in excess of one billion dollars.
- Representation of independent oil and gas company in the acquisition and financing of Kansas properties valued in excess of \$150 million dollars.
- Defense counsel in state court class actions in several states, involving claims of crude oil mismeasurement.
- Defense counsel in multi-state class action involving claims of natural gas mismeasurement.

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- Representation of major interstate regulated refined products pipeline company in connection with the issuance of securities and pipeline title and location matters in five mid-continent states.
- Representation of multiple producers in federal court litigation concerning helium ownership in a series of cases spanning 25 years and multiple decisions in the 10th Circuit of Appeals and United States Supreme Court.

PRESENTATIONS

2019

- Mineral Title Examination Course, Guest Lecturer (Washburn University School of Law)

2018

- Kansas' Marketable Record Title Act: To Use or Not to Use, That is the Question (Wichita Association of Petroleum Landmen, October 2018)
- Kansas' Marketable Record Title Act: To Use or Not to Use, That is the Question (Eastern Kansas Oil & Gas Law Conference, August 2018)
- Kansas' Marketable Record Title Act: To Use or Not to Use, That is the Question (Kansas Bar Association Oil, Gas & Mineral Law CLE, March 2018)

2017

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PUBLICATIONS

ISSUE ALERTS

Why did the Lesser Prairie-Chicken cross the road?

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