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## Oil & Gas / Energy

Today more than ever, energy companies find themselves in need of trusted representation from counsel who understand the increasingly complex issues emerging in this challenging and rapidly evolving industry. Looper Reed & McGraw provides legal services for hundreds of energy industry transactions, lawsuits, arbitrations and regulatory proceedings each year, collectively involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

Looper Reed & McGraw's energy team provides experienced legal counsel to public and private regional and national energy related companies. Our experience in the industry extends upstream and downstream, to cover almost every facet of the industry.

The firm combines its legal expertise with a thorough understanding of the technical, strategic and financial issues facing the industry in order to provide successful and cost-effective representation of its clients' interests.

We understand our role as counsel in helping clients assess risks and resolve problems so they can move ahead with their business plans and meet expected goals.

Our energy practice has grown as a result of referrals by those pleased with favorable results and our approach to the practice of law. We represent multinational oil and gas producers, independent operators of all sizes, host government oil and gas companies, utilities, private power plants, service companies, refineries, petrochemical manufacturers, ethanol and other biofuel producers, transporters, pipelines and multinational drilling contractors and construction firms.

Our areas of expertise consist of a full range of legal and commercial services, including:

- Exploration and Production Operations Agreements
- Acquisition of Foreign Operations
- Negotiation of Oilfield Services Contracts
- Defense of Actions Under Federal Environmental Laws
- Negotiation with Foreign Governments
- Surface Damage Disputes
- Royalty Owner Litigation
- International Petrochemical Trading Disputes
- Drilling and Seismic Agreements
- Title Examination and Disputes
- Project Financing and Investment Structure
- Gas Purchase, Distribution, Sales, Lease and Transportation
- Oilfield Equipment Manufacturing Contracts and Disputes
- International/Offshore and Domestic Tax Planning
- International Sanctions Regulations



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## **ENERGY TRANSACTIONS**

The firm handles all phases of acquisitions and divestitures of producing properties in transactions of all sizes. We assist our clients with the due diligence necessary to conclude a sale by reviewing existing leases, title issues, operating agreements, joint ventures, concessions, farmouts, areas of mutual interests and other instruments and documents as required for each transaction. We represent operators as well as non-operators in preparing and interpreting participation agreements and operating agreements.

## **ENERGY LITIGATION**

Our energy litigators have vast experience in a wide variety of oil, gas and energy disputes and in trying energy-related cases around the country in state and federal courts and before arbitration tribunals, regulatory agencies and administrative judges. Our lawyers have a proven record of achieving favorable outcomes from small disputes up to multi-billion dollar national class actions and other large, multiparty disputes.

## **TITLE EXAMINATION**

Looper Reed & McGraw's Energy title examination team includes a strong core group of experienced oil and gas lawyers who have a wealth of experience in the examination of title and preparation of title opinions for drilling, division orders, financing transactions, and acquisitions. The firm currently employ ten attorneys who primarily focus their work on title examination for onshore properties in Texas, Pennsylvania, Colorado, North Dakota, and other oil and gas producing states, as well as offshore properties in both state and federal waters off Louisiana and Texas. Properties examined range from urban shale plays with units involving hundreds of town lots to more traditional title examination in rural areas including both exploratory plays and complex secondary recovery units.

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

As to more recent trends in the energy business, we have experience in biofuels and other renewable energy projects including representation of the developer or the financing in several ethanol, biodiesel and other biofuel projects.

## **EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD**

Many of Looper Reed & McGraw's energy team members accumulated years of practical experience working in the energy industry before moving to private practice. Our attorneys have worked for major and independent oil companies and have served on boards of various energy companies. One of our attorneys even owned his own refinery. Our attorneys include two board certified oil, gas and mineral law specialists and several are licensed in other oil and gas producing states besides Texas including Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota and Colorado which enables us to fully cover the energy centers of the Southwest and other Western States. Looper Reed & McGraw's energy lawyers are frequent authors and lecturers on energy topics and have held leadership positions in such industry-focused organizations as the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Energy Law Institute, and the Energy Sections of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, Houston Bar Association, and the Dallas Bar Association.



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Our extensive expertise drives our well-deserved reputation as a force in energy representation. We align our firm's goals with our client's goals. Success for our clients means success for Looper Reed & McGraw.