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Practical IP Lessons From the Field Part Two: Navigating IP Risk in Oil & Gas

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Join Troutman Pepper Locke Partners Charles Baker and Greg Len as they unpack the real-world IP challenges facing oil and gas companies — from high-stakes fracking technology disputes to strategic use of inter partes review (IPR). Learn how companies have navigated patent and trade secret claims, what has changed at the Patent Office, and how timing and cost considerations shape litigation strategy. Gain practical takeaways on defending innovation, leveraging prior art, and choosing the right forum to resolve complex IP battles.

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- A Memorable Fracking Patent Case: A Defense Verdict
- Lessons Learned From a High-pressure Wellhead Equipment Dispute
- Transocean Dual-activity Drill Ships: Deploying IPRs to Weaken Claims and Drive Resolution
- Closed-loop Mud Drilling Systems: Winning a No-payment Settlement
- What Is IPR and Why Defendants Use it: Relief Rates and Tactical Advantages
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- Cost and Timing Comparison: IPR Efficiency Versus District Court Litigation

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