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Troutman Pepper Locke Associate Akilah Craig Named to Institute for Energy Law 2026 Leadership Class

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Ms. Craig is an employment lawyer whose practice spans transactional matters, employer counseling, and litigation, regularly serving clients in the energy industry. She has experience drafting complex employment agreements and conducts due diligence and post-transaction integration in connection with asset and equity transactions. Ms. Craig also advises clients on all aspects of the employment relationship and represents employers in federal and state courts and administrative agencies across the country in disputes involving employment discrimination, restrictive covenant agreements, and wage and hour claims.

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