# Henry D. Benton

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Henry has extensive experience navigating complex mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, midstream and upstream transactions, and corporate governance.

## OVERVIEW

Henry's practice focuses on corporate law and oil, gas, and energy law. He regularly advises upstream and midstream energy companies in their strategic transactions. Henry is experienced in representing private companies and private equity funds across several industries, including agriculture, real estate, hospitality, health care, and oil and gas.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a private oil and gas company in connection with the acquisition of more than $100 million in upstream assets, as well as the issuance of $150 million of notes through an asset-backed securitization transaction.
- Represented Ag-Pro, LLC, in its acquisition and divestiture of more than 50 John Deere dealerships throughout Texas, Ohio, and the Southeast.
- Assisted Tailwater Capital LLC in its sale of Align Midstream Partners II, LLC, to M6 Midstream LLC.
- Advised Comstock Resources in its acquisition of Covey Park Energy LLC, as well as its divestiture of its Bakken Shale assets to Northern Oil & Gas, Inc.
- Advised Merit Energy Company in the $300 million acquisition of BHP Billiton Petroleum assets, significantly expanding its operational foothold.
- Represented DoubleBarrel Downhole Technologies, LLC, in its sale to Intrepid Directional Drilling Specialists.
- Counseled Riverbend Energy Group in its capital investment in Endurans Solar.
- Led the stock-for-stock sale of Breakwater Energy Partners to Select Energy Services, expanding Select's recycling capabilities.
- Advised Caliber Completion Services, LLC, in the acquisition of substantially all of the wireline assets from ClearWell Dynamics' subsidiary formerly known as Pioneer Wireline Services.
- Advised Eva-Last in its acquisition of Fortress Deck Products, significantly expanding its international footprint in the U.S.

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## AWARDS

- *The Legal 500 United States:* Energy Transactions: Oil and Gas – Mid-market ($0-$500m) (2023, 2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, Corporate Law (2023)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas Rising Star, Energy & Natural Resources (2020-2024)
- *D Magazine*, Best Lawyers in Dallas, Energy & Natural Resources (2023-2026)

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Energy
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Energy
- Hospitality
- Litigation + Trial
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Oil + Gas
- Private Equity

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Member, University of Oklahoma College of Law Young Alumni Board
- Member, Elizabeth Toon Charities Shootout Committee
- Member, Institute for Energy Law Leadership Class (2022-2023)

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma College of Law, J.D., *business and marketing editor, Oklahoma Law Review* , 2013
- The University of Oklahoma, B.A., 2008, journalism and public relations

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Moderator, “Fireside Chat with Frontier Carbon Solutions,” 23rd Annual Energy Infrastructure CEO & Investor Conference, May 19, 2026.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “Asset-Backed Securities Financing in the Energy Sector: What Upstream and Midstream Companies Should Know,” *Troutman Pepper Locke*, April 23, 2026.

## MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “OPEC Sends Oil Prices Reeling, but What’s Good for Texas Drivers May Not Be for Drillers,” *The Dallas Morning News*, May 5, 2025.