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A fifth-generation Houstonian and former wrangler, Jennie spearheads high-value, lower- to middle-market, and major transactions in energy, private equity, and corporate restructurings.

OVERVIEW

Jennie takes a pragmatic, business-minded approach to advising private and public companies, private equity funds, independent sponsors, family offices, and other closely held businesses in connection with M&A transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and various equity investments. In addition to her M&A practice, Jennie routinely provides advice on a range of corporate matters that arise during the corporate life cycle.

A significant portion of Jennie's practice consists of representing public and private companies in strategic and complex transactions ranging from small but critical deals to multibillion-dollar transactions. In addition to her public and private company M&A work, Jennie represents management teams, private equity funds, and other alternative investment vehicles of all sizes. Often times, these representations begin with the initial acquisition and/or equity investment and continue with Jennie providing ongoing general corporate work and other support for the portfolio company, assisting with add-on acquisitions, and advising the client in connection with the eventual exit.

As a trusted advisor, Jennie understands her clients' businesses and anticipates their legal needs. Her industry experience is broad and includes extensive transactional experience in the energy and infrastructure sectors, including midstream and oilfield services.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented Summit Midstream Partners in its sale of Marcellus and Utica assets to a subsidiary of MPLX for $625 million.
- Represented Pinnacle Midstream in its sale to Phillips 66 for $550 million.
- Represented Global Energy Capital in the formation of Flowco, the shale industry's leading provider of production optimization and artificial lift solutions, forged in partnership with White Deer Energy as part of a business combination involving Flowco Production Solutions, Estis Compression, and Flogistix.
- Represented ArcLight Capital Partners in the sale of Pride Convenience Holdings, LLC, which operates 31 convenience stores in highly desirable locations, to ARKO for approximately $230 million.
- Represented Trinity Gas Storage, LLC, in its $189 million funding for the groundbreaking of its natural gas

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storage facility in East Texas.

- Represented WildFire Energy I LLC in its acquisition of Chesapeake Energy Corporation's Brazos Valley region of its Eagle Ford assets for $1.425 billion.
- Represented Pelican Energy Partners in various acquisitions, including Springs ATG, Electrical Builders, and Excel Services.
- Advised Agile Growth Equity, LLC, and its affiliates in the equity and debt financing and the acquisition of Kobus Services Limited, and its U.S. subsidiary Kobus Inc.
- Represented NextEra Energy Partners LP in its acquisition of Meade Pipeline Co LLC and its interest in the Central Penn Line, in a transaction valued at approximately $1.37 billion.

AWARDS

- *Legal 500 United States*: Energy: Energy Transactions: Oil and Gas – Mid-Market ($0-$500m) (2026)
- *Texas Lawbook,* #1 Deal Count Among Texas-Led M&A Women Leaders (2024)
- *Houston Business Journal*, Women Who Mean Business (2024)
- *Chambers USA*: Private Equity: Buyouts, Texas, "Up & Coming" (2024-2026)
- ACG Houston, Deal of the Year (2023)
- ACG Houston, E&P Upstream Deal of the Year (2023)
- *The Deal*, Top Rising Stars (2021)
- *Texas Lawyer,* On the Rise (2020)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate Governance
- Energy
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
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- Energy
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Arizona College of Law, J.D., 2012, Dean's Achievement Scholarship, College of Law's Dean's

List, *Arizona Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*
- Davidson College, B.A., *cum laude*, 2007, history

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Trends in Midstream M&A," *Energy Law Insights*, November 5, 2025.
- Speaker, "Midstream M&A Outlook: Consolidation, Expansion & Transformation," 22nd Annual Energy Infrastructure CEO & Investor Conference, May 21, 2025.
- Speaker, "Navigating the Sale – Key Insights for Closing the Deal," Smart Business Dealmakers Conference Houston, November 8, 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

- Podcast, "Going Nuclear – Private Equity Trends in US Energy," *PE Pathways*, October 2, 2025.
- Author, "US Federal Policies Driving Fresh Interest in Oil and Gas," *Sustainable Views*, July 16, 2025.
- Co-author, "Top Five Private Equity Investment Trends in US Energy," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, June 10, 2025.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, "M&A in 2024: A Big Bite for Small Deals," *Texas Law Book*, January 20, 2025.