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Pat has more than 20 years of experience in the areas of oil, gas, and energy law with an emphasis on upstream and midstream transactions.

OVERVIEW

Pat has extensive experience in business and commercial transactions on behalf of privately held and publicly traded energy companies. His work includes the representation of oil and gas exploration and production companies in the acquisition and divestiture of producing properties or equity interests, and midstream and oilfield services companies in the negotiation of various contracts. Pat also represents various clients in complex transactions involving the monetization of interests in producing properties and reserves, including the review of associated exchange, balancing, and transportation agreements.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Reviews, drafts, and negotiates oil and gas leases, seismic agreements, joint operating agreements, contract operating agreements, exploration agreements, participation agreements, surface and subsurface easements, drilling contracts, master service agreements, pooling and unitization agreements, gas, crude oil, and condensate purchase agreements, gathering agreements, exchange agreements, transportation, and processing agreements, and other oil and gas-related contracts for numerous upstream, midstream, and service provider clients.
- Represented WildFire Energy in the acquisition of Eagle Ford assets from MD America Energy, LLC.
- Advised Enterprise Products Partners L.P. in the acquisition of Navitas Midstream Partners, LLC, from an affiliate of Warburg Pincus for \$3.25 billion.
- Counseled Kinder Morgan in its acquisition of NextEra Energy Partners' South Texas assets, STX Midstream, for \$1.815 billion.
- Structured and negotiated long-term natural gas, crude oil, and produced water midstream contracts for Matador Resources Company with San Mateo Midstream LLC.
- Assisted in the development of a suite of agreements for an independent power services platform to design, construct, and operate distributed generation in a remote and power-constrained area to serve load on a behind-the-meter basis, and represented platform in subsequent transactions.

AWARDS

- *Global Restructuring Review 100* (2021)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Energy
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Renewable Energy

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law
- Advisory board, The Institute for Energy Law
- Member, Houston Bar Association Energy Law Section
- Member, State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section
- Member, Young Professionals in Energy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- U.S. Navy (1989-1998)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2001, publications and marketing editor, *Houston Law Review*, 2000-2001; chief baron, Order of the Barons, 2000-2001
- University of Rochester, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1989, Phi Beta Kappa

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Determining the Ownership of Landfill Gas," *Landman Magazine*, November/December 2022.