



ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Whether you meet the classic definition of an oil and gas company or you are fully engaged in green technology, you require attorneys that understand the rigors of this constantly evolving industry. Our experience, perspective and creativity allow Bell Nunnally to provide unsurpassed service to clients on the front lines.

Energy and natural resources leaders call on us to help make successful deals happen through effective and creative negotiation, drafting and implementation. When litigation becomes necessary, our clients rely on us for a wide variety of dispute resolution, at all levels of trial work and in all forums — from arbitrations to both state and federal trials and appeals. In the energy industry, character counts, and we are committed to enhancing our clients' esteem in an era of increased public inquiry.

Bell Nunnally continually evolves our practice group to meet the needs of an ever-changing regulatory environment. From advising clients on their duties as Board members for production, operating and maritime companies all the way to post-closing lawsuit representation, we assist our clients from the first turn of the drill bit to significant liquidity events.

Our work includes:

- Royalty and mineral interest contests
- Corporate governance
- Intellectual property
- Insurance issues
- Employment and confidentiality

- Breach of contract
- Lease disputes
- Fraud claims
- Bankruptcy settlement agreements

Who we represent

- Oil and gas exploration and production companies
- Oilfield construction and engineering services companies
- Biodiesel producer/distributors
- Debt and equity financiers
- Developers
- Midstream companies
- Maritime support
- Well loggers
- Energy investors
- Manufacturers of seismic instrumentation

Representative Experience

- Secured a settlement exceeding \$3 million against an operator and well engineering firm for an oil and gas exploration client relating to a down-hole well failure.
- Successfully represented a startup oilfield services company in a complex trade secrets and noncompete case brought by a competitor. Utilizing the Texas Anti-SLAPP statute, the team maximized pressure on the opposing party to facilitate an early, favorable settlement.
- Represented an oilfield services company in a long-running dispute against a private equity-backed competitor over alleged violations of noncompetes and damage to real property. Following multiple lawsuits, the litigation and trial team collected 100 percent of the client's damages.

- Obtained a \$3 million judgment from a Dallas State Court on behalf of an investment advisor arising out of the advisor's work on the acquisition of an energy pipeline company on behalf of a Dallas-based private equity firm. Following the judgment, navigated a complicated collection process and negotiated a favorable payout agreement with the trustee of a Louisiana bankruptcy action.
- Led a FINRA arbitration representing a high-net-worth oil and gas investor in a broker-dealer suit seeking more than \$10 million in damages and obtaining a favorable settlement.
- Represented a private equity firm in a \$2 million escrow dispute in connection with the acquisition of a manufacturer of riser pins for offshore oil rigs.
- Engaged by an oil pipeline company to handle a case involving extensive liens filed against various substations.

Related Practices

Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring
Corporate and Securities
Entertainment, Advertising and Media
Immigration
Intellectual Property
Labor and Employment
Litigation
Mergers and Acquisitions
Real Estate Law
Tax
White Collar Criminal and Regulatory Defense

Related Industries

Agribusiness, Beverage and Food
Broker/Dealer and Securities
Construction
Manufacturing
Transportation and Logistics

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