



POSITIONING FOR 2016 AND BEYOND

In uncertain times like these, some industry stakeholders go into maintenance mode, others start prioritizing assets, and still others actively pursue new opportunities. Whatever challenges you face, our experienced oil & gas team can help strategically position your business for 2016 and beyond.

Acquisition and Divestiture Transactions

We help major, large independent producers and small- to medium-sized independents acquire and sell oil and gas assets and companies. Whether you are buying or selling oil and gas wells, leases, reserves, prospects, gathering systems, processing plants, or a company owning oil and gas assets, our sophisticated team conducts due diligence, negotiates, and drafts documentation for any transaction.

Financing Options

We assist oil and gas companies, banks, private equity and venture funds, and other entities in the negotiation, documentation, and securitization of credit facilities and project financing for oil and gas development, from the exploration stage through full field development, transportation, and refining.

Tax Effective Structures

We help our oil and gas clients identify and implement tax effective plans and structures including Master Limited Partnerships and other new business entities. Our tax team draws on comprehensive industry knowledge to advise on tax consequences of unique industry operations such as farm-outs, tax partnerships, Section 1031 exchanges, and drilling funds. We also defend clients in valuation and other tax disputes at administrative hearings and in litigation.

Managing and Mitigating Bankruptcy Risks

Our multidisciplinary team provides you with techniques and best practices to manage and mitigate prospective risks of doing business with distressed companies. We help you avoid pitfalls and maximize opportunities from perfection, setoff, and recoupment, to preferences, fraudulent conveyances, and asset auction sales. We also counsel distressed companies before and during bankruptcy how to best structure transactions, most effectively exercise rights and remedies, and plan for the eventualities of bankruptcy.

Corporate Governance and Public Disclosures

Combining a thorough knowledge of SEC regulations and stock exchange listing requirements with a broad understanding of corporate governance principles and practices, we assist our oil & gas clients to improve corporate controls and instill confidence in the company's integrity among stockholders, institutional investors, and the investing community as a whole. We also counsel both privately held and publicly traded companies how to ensure consistency of public disclosures with internal reports, views, and operations.

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