

Oil & Gas Transactions

McGinnis Lochridge routinely assists clients in drafting and negotiating a multitude of commercial and operational agreements. These transactional documents are integral to our clients' success, typically involve unique deal points, and often involve complex and lengthy structures. We have the experience, industry knowledge, and skill necessary to effectively and efficiently structure, draft and negotiate these agreements.

Our transactional clients capitalize on our vast experience in Oil & Gas/ Energy Litigation. Our attorneys draw not only upon real-world transactional experience as to what really matters in a deal, but our attorneys also draw upon litigation experience to understand what can go wrong, and how best to mitigate the associated legal risks.

We regularly assist clients in:

- Structuring, drafting and negotiating a multitude of agreements, ranging from short single-purpose agreements to complex, multi-faceted commercial agreements;
- Negotiating, advising and reviewing standard form contracts such as JOAs, MSAs and leases;

Professionals

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- Helping clients with farmout agreements, joint exploration and development agreements, participation agreements, assignments, surface and sub-surface use agreements; and
- Drafting and negotiating addenda to form agreements addressing both changes in case law and changes in the industry and technology.

Additionally, we assist clients with the review of title documents and the preparation of drilling, supplemental, division order and acquisition title opinions. Our attorneys have prepared opinions for both major publicly traded operators and independents in areas throughout the country including the Williston Basin and DJ Basin, Permian, Utica, Texas and the Gulf Coast. Our goal is to effectively and economically assist clients with clearing title. Additionally, we counsel clients on day to day operational matters as well as performing due diligence associated with acquisitions and divestitures.

UPSTREAM SECTOR

- Oil and gas leases
- Joint venture, joint exploration, joint development, and participation agreements
- Joint operating agreements
- Farmout and farmin agreements
- Areas of mutual interest agreements
- Overriding royalties, net profits interests, and production payments
- Pooling and unitization agreements
- Surface use agreements
- Confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements
- Gas balancing agreements
- Water rights, including agreements regarding supply and wastewater treatment and disposal agreements
- Platform sharing agreements

MIDSTREAM SECTOR

- Easement agreements including condemnation proceedings
- Engineering, procurement, and construction agreements
- Underground unitization and storage agreements for natural gas
- Joint ownership agreements
- Pipeline interconnection and operational balancing agreements

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OILFIELD SERVICE AND MANUFACTURING CONTRACTS

- Master service agreements
- Drilling and other well service agreements
- Seismic agreements
- Manufacturing and fabrication agreements
- Equipment rental agreements

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News

McGinnis Lochridge Welcomes William K. Grubb in Houston
August 12, 2019

Law360 Reports on Texas Supreme Court Affirms Lower Court's Ruling Concerning Royalties in *Samson Exploration LLC v. T.S. Reed Properties Inc.*
July 7, 2017

Production in Paying Quantities Discussed at Next HBA Oil Gas & Mineral Section Meeting
May 24, 2017

El Paso Court of Appeals Holding Re: Jurisdiction for Pre-Injury Injunctive Relief Against Permitted Injection Wells
January 25, 2017

Attorney Austin Brister Discusses SCOTX Opinion on *Denbury v. Texas Rice*
January 18, 2017

Partner Tim George presented at the State Bar of Texas 34th Annual Advanced Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Course
September 29, 2016

McGinnis Lochridge Expands with New Talent in Austin and Houston
October 4, 2016

Associate Austin Brister presenting at 7th HAPL Annual Shale Play Seminar on September 29th
September 28, 2016

Jonathan Baughman to Speak at Upcoming CAIL Conference in November
August 29, 2016

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Tim George named “Lawyer of the Year – Natural Resources Law” in Austin, TX by *Best Lawyers*
August 17, 2016

McGinnis Lochridge Selected to 2016 Best Law Firm by U.S. News Best Lawyers®
November 2, 2015

Join McGinnis Lochridge Attorney Austin Brister at the 2015 Landscape Discussion on Energy Law & Policy in the Rockies Conference, as he speaks on “Energy Transitions in a Low Price Environment – Mitigating Uncertainty and Risk”.
October 2015

High Court Declines Review of Dispute Over Oil Deed Interpretation: Jonathan Baughman, Partner and Chris Halgren, Associate of McGinnis Lochridge featured in an article in *Texas Lawyer*.
October 14, 2015

Partner Jonathan Baughman and Associate Austin Brister published in *Law360* forecasting rise in royalty and lease termination litigation amidst prolonged oil slump.
September 25, 2015

Chambers & Partners Names SCG Legal Top Law Firm Network in the U.S
June 12, 2015

Jonathan Baughman to Speak at Advanced In-House Counsel Seminar
May 21, 2012

Publications

McGinnis Lochridge Oil & Gas Newsletter: Producer's Edge, Vol. 3, Issue 1
04.27.2021

Chris Halgren and Austin Brister Injection Well Article Featured in NODOA Newsletter
March 20, 2017

Bruce Kramer Presenting at Texas A&M 2017 Energy Law Symposium
March 8, 2017

High Court Declines Review of Dispute Over Oil Deed Interpretation: Jonathan Baughman, Partner and Chris Halgren, Associate of McGinnis Lochridge featured in an article in *Texas Lawyer*.
October 14, 2015

Author & Presenter, *2014 - 2015 Case Law & Legislative Update*, Southwest Land Institute, American Association of Professional Landmen, Dallas, TX
April 27, 2015