

Oil & Gas Natural Resources and Energy Litigation

SDM is one of the top oil and gas, natural resources and energy litigation firms in the nation. For years, we have litigated issues involving the ownership, operation, exploration, production, regulation, processing, transportation and taxation of hydrocarbons and other natural resources. We represent royalty owners, producers, transporters, traders, refiners and governments. Our clients include individuals, independent oil companies and Fortune 500 companies. We represent clients involved in petrochemicals, coal and heavy metals mining, electrical generation and cogeneration, plant and pipeline construction, and the service components to these industries.

Over the past twenty years we have been involved in the successful resolution of most of Texas' major oil and gas issues. We have represented clients in connection with a wide variety of oil and gas, natural resources and energy-related legal issues, including:

- breach of implied covenants
- failure to develop, market, and protect against drainage
- bad faith pooling and unitization
- title disputes
- joint operating agreement disputes
- drainage claims
- producing-well damage claims
- termination of oil and gas leases
- take or pay claims
- price redetermination claims
- gas plant operation and accounting disputes
- gas contract disputes
- appeals from the Railroad Commission and other state and federal agency decisions

Our lawyers have represented the prevailing parties in many disputes now regarded as landmark oil and gas cases throughout the United States, including *Amoco Production Co. v. Alexander*; *Day v. Texland*; *Amarillo Oil Co. v. Energy-Agri Products*; and *The Lenape Resources Corp. v. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co.*

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