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Last Name Required Fix Alan Rafte, chair of the firm's business and regulatory section, serves clients in transactions that involve offshore and onshore wind generation facilities; carbon capture, sequestration and utilization projects; upstream oil and gas projects; pipelines and other midstream facilities; and merchant fossil-fuel electric generation facilities. He represents energy industry companies, private equity investors, alternative lenders and financial institutions in transactions that include acquisitions and divestitures of assets and companies, joint venture arrangements, structured finance, leveraged finance, project development and project finance. Clients are significant companies in the energy industry including, Apache Corporation, Equinor, Phillips 66 and HPS Investment Partners.

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Experience

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- \$950 million sale of non-core oil and gas assets in the Permian Basin (2024)

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Apache Corporation

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Phillips 66

- sale of its 25 percent non-operated common equity interest in Rockies Express Pipeline LLC to a subsidiary of Tallgrass Energy, LP for an enterprise value of approximately \$1.275 billion (2024)
- agreement to sell the Belle Chasse Terminal, formerly the Alliance Refinery, to Harvest Midstream (2023)
- realignment of its economic and governance interests in DCP Midstream, LP and Gray Oak Pipeline, LLC through the merger of existing joint ventures owned by Phillips 66 and Enbridge Inc. (2022)
- formation of Bluewater Texas Terminal LLC, a joint venture with Trafigura Group Pte. Ltd., to develop an offshore deepwater port project in the Port of Corpus Christi (2020)

Sable Offshore Corp.

- purchase from Exxon Mobil Corporation of the Santa Ynez field in Federal waters offshore California and associated onshore processing and pipeline assets, including pipeline assets acquired by Exxon Mobil from Plains Pipeline L.P. and the merger with Flame Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition entity (2024)

Pioneer Natural Resources

- development of a 140 MW wind generation facility on surface acreage owned by Pioneer that will provide renewable power to the Texas electric grid and Pioneer's Permian Basin operations (2022)
- sale of approximately 20,000 net acres in western Glasscock County to Laredo Petroleum, Inc. for a combination of cash and LPI common stock (2021)

- DrillCo transaction with a private investor providing for drilling opportunities on acreage owned by Pioneer in South Texas (2020)

Navigator CO2 Ventures LLC

- development of an industrial scale carbon capture pipeline system of more than 1,200 miles of new carbon dioxide gathering and transportation pipelines across five Midwest states (Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Illinois) with the capability of permanently storing up to 5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide per year (2021)

Entity affiliated with GeoSouthern Energy Corp.

- upstream joint venture with a subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc. for the acquisition of an interest in and development of Williams' South Mansfield Assets in the Haynesville Shale (2021)

Equinor

- \$1.1 billion sale of a 50 percent interest in two US offshore wind development projects to BP, including formation of a partnership to develop and operate the Empire Wind project offshore New York and Beacon Wind project offshore Massachusetts, which together could generate up to 4.4 GW (2020)

TC Energy Corporation

- US counsel in connection with the Government of Alberta's \$1.1 billion equity investment and \$4.2 billion loan guarantee to support construction of the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline (2020)

Credentials

Education

- Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2001
- Texas Tech University, B.A., 1997

Court Admissions

- US District Court

Recognition

Website Recognition – Title TEST (02/18/25)

- New entry for recognition test
- 2nd entry for recognition test
- 3rd entry for recognition test (2/21/2025)

Chambers Global

- Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional), 2006 – 2024
- Projects, 2010 – 2024

Chambers USA

- Nationwide Energy: Oil & Gas (Transactional), 2010 – 2024
- Nationwide Projects, 2005 – 2024
- Texas Banking & Finance, 2010 – 2024
- Nationwide Energy & Natural Resources, 2003 – 2009

The Legal 500

- Hall of Fame, Energy: Transactions: Oil and Gas, Named in 2018

The Legal 500 United States

- Energy: Transactions: Oil and Gas, 2016 – 2023 (Leading Lawyer, 2016 – 2019; Hall of Fame, 2018 – 2023)
- Energy: Transactions, 2012 – 2015 (Leading Lawyer, 2013 – 2015)
- Energy Transactions: Electric Power, 2023
- Energy: Renewable/Alternative Power, 2020 – 2023
- Project Finance, 2010 – 2013, 2015 – 2020, 2022 – 2023
- Energy: Regulatory, 2012
- Energy: Transaction and Regulatory, 2011
- Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) Large Deals (\$1-5 Billion), 2013 – 2019
- Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) Middle Market (\$500-\$999 Million), 2012
- Structured Finance, 2011 – 2013, 2016 – 2017
- Commercial Lending, 2009, 2022 – 2023

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, 2014, 2017 – 2024
- Houston Lawyer of the Year, Energy Law, 2019
- Houston Lawyer of the Year, Oil and Gas Law, 2020

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy Lawyers*, Energy Transactions, 2024

Publications & Speeches

- New addition for Publication & Speeches TEST (02/18/25)
- Additional TEST (02/21/2025)
- "How Deep is Your Carbon? Carbon Capture Utilization & Sequestration," Proximo US Power, Renewables & Energy Transition Finance 2023, November 2023.
- "Private Equity Development Joint Ventures," The 82nd Annual API Federal Tax Forum, April 2016.
- "Distressed Situations in Oil and Gas," 81st Annual API Federal Tax Forum, April 2015.