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**INDUSTRIES**

Energy  
Natural Gas  
Oil and Gas

**PRACTICES**

Capital Markets  
Corporate  
Governance  
Master Limited  
Partnerships (MLPs)  
Securities

**EDUCATION**

JD, 2008, *cum laude*,  
University of Houston  
Law Center, *Houston  
Journal of International  
Law*, Senior Articles  
Editor, Order of the Coif,  
Order of the Barons  
BS, 2005, Commerce,  
University of Virginia

**ADMISSIONS**

Texas 2008

Adam's practice focuses on general corporate and securities matters. Adam assists clients in various U.S. capital markets transactions and also regularly advises clients regarding periodic SEC reporting, corporate governance and compliance matters.

**REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Representation of issuer in connection with a \$178 million initial public offering of an NYSE-listed upstream E&P master limited partnership (2011)
- Assisted in representation of underwriters in connection with a \$247 million initial public offering of an NYSE-listed midstream energy master limited partnership (2011)
- Representation of a well servicing company in connection with two 144A private placements of senior notes totaling \$475 million (2011)
- Represented or assisted in representing investment banking firms in connection with public and private equity and debt offerings in 2010 valued at over \$1.1 billion, including two initial public offerings of master limited partnerships (MLPs)
- Representation of underwriters in connection with an aggregate \$345 million initial public offering, including over-allotments, of an NYSE-listed upstream E&P master limited partnership (2010)
- Assisted in representation of underwriters in connection with a \$150 million initial public offering of an NYSE-listed coal production master limited partnership (2010)
- Representation of underwriters in connection with a \$250 million 144A senior notes offering of an NYSE-listed midstream energy master limited partnership (2010)
- Representation of underwriters in connection with a \$300 million public offering of senior notes (2010)
- Representation of a well servicing company in connection with a \$225 million 144A private placement of senior secured notes offering (2009)
- Representation of E&P client in connection with a \$600 million secured revolving credit agreement (2009)
- Representation of underwriters in connection with a \$122 million public offering of common units by an NYSE-listed midstream energy master limited partnership (2010)

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Recent Ruling Allows a Shareholder Lawsuit to Proceed After a Negative Say-on-Pay Vote: Quirk or Harbinger? (October 6, 2011)
- DC Circuit's Proxy Access Decision to Stand, but SEC to Allow "Private Ordering" of Proxy Access (September 20, 2011)

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- Oil and Gas Companies Should Expect Increased SEC Scrutiny of Operations and Reserves (September 6, 2011)
- SEC Replaces Credit Ratings with New Wide Market Following Test for Shelf Registration Statement Eligibility (September 1, 2011)
- PCAOB Floats Possibility of Mandatory Audit Firm Rotation *Financial Fraud Report (January 2012)* (August 31, 2011)
- DC Circuit Panel Vacates Proxy Access Rule (July 28, 2011)
- PCAOB Considers Changes to Standards for Auditors' Reports on Audited Financial Statements *Financial Fraud Report (November/December 2011)* (July 6, 2011)
- SEC Proposes Rules for Compensation Committees and Compensation Advisers (April 21, 2011)
- SEC Proposes Rules to Implement the Dodd-Frank Act's Mine Safety Disclosure Requirements (January 25, 2011)
- SEC Proposes Disclosure Rules for Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers (January 13, 2011)
- SEC Issues Interpretive Guidance Regarding Liquidity and Capital Resources Disclosures (October 20, 2010)
- SEC Proposes Enhanced Short-Term Borrowing Disclosure Rules (October 20, 2010)

**AFFILIATIONS**

- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Young Lawyers Association