

Energy Disputes and Litigation

Powerful Resolution to Energy Disputes

Relying upon our decades of worldwide energy industry experience, Andrews Kurth lawyers try, settle, arbitrate and mediate controversies in any forum, effectively and cost-efficiently. Our practice includes:

- Regional and Global Dispute Resolution
- Managing Risks of Disputes and Litigation
- Resolving Regulatory Controversies

Our clients include both major and independent oil, gas, energy and power producers. We also represent interstate pipelines and oilfield service and drilling companies. We represent these clients in high-profile disputes across the nation and internationally, and appear on their behalf before regulatory bodies.

Regional and Global Dispute Resolution

The business environment for energy companies worldwide is among the most contentious. Understanding the often-fluctuating business factors challenging energy industry clients is key to effective litigation outcomes.

Our trial and administrative law lawyers know when it is best to litigate and when to pursue a negotiated resolution to the issue. Andrews Kurth lawyers handle the full range of issues, from the smallest claims to the bet-the-company cases in any energy litigation.

Experienced in the entire spectrum of energy-related arbitrations and trials, we appear in state and federal courts and international forums, and we represent clients in investigations and contested actions before state and federal regulatory agencies, such as the:

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
- Railroad Commission of Texas
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Texas Public Utility Commission
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- U.S. Department of Interior (DOI)

Managing Risks of Disputes and Litigation

The range of conflicts and litigation that our energy clients face can be vast. So is our counsel. We litigate issues that arise during energy industry operations, including those involving:

- Breach of contract/business torts
- False Claims Act/Qui Tam cases
- Damage to drilling or production facilities
- Downhole failures
- Geological and reservoir problems
- Joint venture or joint operating disputes
- Labor and employment claims
- Patent infringement claims
- Personal injury and product liability claims
- Pipeline failures

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- Oil and gas lease disputes
- Producer and royalty owner disputes
- Severance tax litigation
- Title disputes
- Toxic torts
- Wrongful death cases involving explosions, fires and other issues

Resolving Regulatory Controversies

In the regulatory arena, our lawyers are vigorous advocates for energy clients in the full range of agency rulemaking and litigation proceedings. From state courts to the U.S. Supreme Court, we represent our clients in regulatory disputes involving:

- Rate making proceedings
- Planning and implementation of new pipeline construction
- Pipeline "restructuring" proceedings
- Market power assessments
- Tariff proceedings
- Environmental permitting and compliance
- Upstream and downstream environmental litigation

As known and respected professionals before regulatory authorities, we use our experience to expedite and efficiently manage client matters before these governing agencies.