



Energy

Maximizing and protecting the value of traditional and renewable energy assets: That's how Hinshaw helps.

Facing geopolitical crises, stricter environmental scrutiny, and ongoing demands for more energy **and** more diverse sources, energy companies are at an important crossroads. At Hinshaw, our energy and natural resources legal team of trusted advisors draws on decades of regulatory, transactional, and litigation experience to help clients manage challenges, solve problems, and seize opportunities in this ever-evolving industry.

We represent major, independent, and state-owned oil, gas, and renewable-energy providers — as well as trade associations and local and government entities and municipalities — at every junction in the energy value-chain, including:

- **Upstream:**
 - Exploration and production companies
 - Seismic companies
 - Onshore and offshore well operators
 - Drilling contractors
 - Oilfield service and supply companies
- **Midstream:**
 - Pipeline companies
 - Natural gas storage and distribution companies
 - Service and supply companies
 - Transportation companies
- **Downstream:**
 - Refineries
 - Utilities
 - Carbon capture and sequestration projects

Areas of Focus Include:

Sophisticated Regulatory Counsel

Energy industry stakeholders are in a unique period of transition. This includes working to manage the transition to renewable energy sources and comply with emerging climate change, conservation, and carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration (CCUS) regulations — all without turning their backs on the oil, gas, and coal that have powered progress since the Industrial Revolution.

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Related Services

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To avoid penalties for noncompliance, we help clients understand the flow of regulatory updates, rate decisions, and oil and gas developments emerging from the U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, U.S. Department of Interior, Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, Securities and Exchange Commission, United States Coast Guard, Bureau of Land Management, and other relevant agencies.

We also provide counsel on local laws and regulations, including matters heard before state mineral and energy boards, departments of natural resources and environmental quality, and other agencies. We have drafted a number of local ordinances and policies in relation to the following:

- Occupational and pipeline safety, including emergency response to accidents and incidents
- Wind energy, pollution control, and waste facilities
- Nuisance complaints
- Cost recoveries
- Zoning and other public hearings.

Cross-Disciplinary Transaction Support

Our team regularly handles public and private divestitures and acquisitions across the energy value chain. We conduct full-spectrum due diligence and negotiate, structure, and document complex transactions, including:

- Joint ventures
- Public-private partnerships
- Private equity investments
- Debt and equity financings
- Strategic alliances.

Extensive Dispute Resolution and Litigation Experience

Our team has particular strength in litigating all kinds of oil, gas, and renewable energy disputes, including many of the most important and precedent-setting recent cases. Among other issues, we have represented clients before federal and state trial and appellate courts in commercial and criminal disputes involving the following:

- Alleged pollution or contamination
- Well blowouts
- Joint operator disputes
- Gas flaring
- Royalty disputes
- Railcar accidents
- Title disputes
- Nuisance claims
- Environmental litigation
- Naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) litigation
- Product liability, premise liability, and personal injury claims
- Local fracking bans.

Our trial and appellate lawyers also have significant experience defending and pursuing claims under federal legislation such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, the Jones Act, and more.



News

Clean Power Hour Podcast: Jim Keeling Sheds Light on Solar and Sustainability Opportunities for Organizations
May 10, 2024

Colleen Jarrott Discusses Why Louisiana Could Tell Texas to "Hold My Beer" When It Comes to Carbon Capture Development
April 11, 2024

Three Hinshaw Partners Selected to Crain's Chicago 2024 Notable Women in Law
February 20, 2024

Hart Energy Quotes Colleen Jarrott In Report on Louisiana Being Granted Primacy for Class VI CCS Wells
February 14, 2024

Jack Shadid Appointed to the Board of Directors for the Black Business Alliance – Peoria Chapter
January 30, 2024

Hinshaw Recognized as "Distinguished in Litigation" in BTI Consulting's Litigation Outlook 2024 Survey
November 16, 2023

Three Hinshaw Partners Recognized by New Orleans Magazine as 2023 Top Lawyers
November 1, 2023

Events

Colleen Jarrott to Present at Hinshaw-Sponsored Women's Energy Network South Louisiana Chapter Summer Soiree
June 27, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

Colleen Jarrott to Present on International Liability Issues for Transnational Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Projects at the ABA's Houston Energy Conference
February 29, 2024
University of Houston (Conrad N. Hilton College), Houston, Texas

Publications

U.S. EPA Grants Louisiana Primacy for Class VI Geologic Sequestration Wells: What's Next?
December 29, 2023
Hinshaw Alert