

David E. Bengtson

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David guides transactions, resolves disputes and navigates regulatory requirements for oil and gas companies, with an easy demeanor born of deep experience.

David provides legal counsel to oil and gas companies in many phases of their business. His counsel ranges from litigation and transactions to title opinions and regulatory concerns. He defends statewide royalty owner class action lawsuits, handles complex multi-party field rules hearings, and counsels oil and gas clients on state regulatory and case law pertinent to their operations.

With a comprehensive understanding of the challenges of the oil and gas industry, David represents the interests of oil and gas exploration and production companies, including majors, independents and small independents, and also mid-stream companies. His counsel includes litigation in state and federal courts, state regulatory matters, exploration and development agreements, purchase and sale agreements, due diligence, title opinions and advice on the legal aspects of operational decisions.

EXPERIENCE

David protects the interests of oil and gas companies in business litigation, including royalty owner class actions, disputes involving joint exploration agreements, and title litigation.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Oil & Gas

Energy

ADMISSIONS

Kansas, 1984

North Dakota, 2016

United States District Court, District of Kansas

United States District Court, District of Arizona

United States District Court, District of Montana

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

EDUCATION

University of Kansas, J.D., 1984

University of Kansas, B.S., *with honors*, 1981

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Professionally involved in the industries he serves, David was formerly president of the Oil, Gas & Mineral Law section of the Kansas Bar Association and teaches law students about mineral, oil and gas law.

David frequently presents on oil and gas issues at professional and industry seminars and conferences.

He is recognized for commercial and regulatory litigation experience in oil and gas law, energy and natural resources.

RECOGNITIONS

David was included in the 2008-2013 and 2020 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for litigation: general commercial

Named "Lawyer of the Year" for 2015 in Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy) and 2017 and 2021 in Oil & Gas Law, *Wichita Business Journal*

Included in the listing of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation-Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy), Oil & Gas Law, 2009 - 2024

He was named to the 2008-2022 issues of Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyers*® for Energy & Natural Resources

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Wichita Association of Petroleum Landmen

Kansas Bar Association

Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section, President, 2011-2013

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation

Institute for Energy Law Advisory Board, The Center for American and International Law

Instructor, Mineral Title Examination, Washburn University School of Law, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019

Instructor, Oil and Gas Conservation Law & Practice, Washburn University School of Law, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Landman's Association of North Dakota

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NEWS

Super Lawyers Recognizes 29 from Stinson on Missouri and Kansas Top Lists

11.14.2023

175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.17.2023

Super Lawyers® Recognizes 26 Stinson Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas

11.14.2022

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.18.2022

Stinson Recognized with "2021 Volunteer of the Year" Award by Wichita's Mark Arts

04.01.2022

Super Lawyers Recognizes 21 Stinson Attorneys in Missouri and Kansas

11.15.2021

103 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.19.2021

Chugach Electric Acquisition Featured in *Global Legal Chronicle*

12.03.2020

Stinson Serves as Legal Counsel on Major Alaskan Energy Acquisition

11.17.2020

Stinson Attorneys Named to 2020 Kansas & Missouri *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars

11.16.2020

112 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.20.2020

Nineteen Stinson Attorneys Named 2021 Lawyers of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America*

08.18.2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist, "Title Opinions and Issues Panel," 43rd Annual KBA/KIOGA Oil & Gas CLE, October 12, 2018

"A Practical Overview of Joint Operating Agreements," 42nd Annual KBA/KIOGA Oil & Gas CLE, October 6, 2017

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"Abandoned Well Responsibility-The Risk Meter is on the Move," Kansas Bar Association, 2017 Spring Oil, Gas & Mineral CLE, Hays, KS, March 3, 2017

"Compliance and Regulatory Professionals," Hartrick Symposium: Career Paths for Young Attorneys in the Energy Sector, April 2016

"The Shock of Low Oil Prices: What Can and Should an Operator Do in Response?," Kansas Bar Association, 2016 Spring Oil, Gas & Mineral CLE, Hays, KS; March 4, 2016

PUBLICATIONS

David Bengtson and Frank Basgall Discuss Habendum Clause and Production in Paying Quantities at KIOGA Conference

11.05.2021