

Energy, Oil and Gas

Our Houston-based Energy Group provides legal representation to domestic and international oil-and-gas companies in a wide variety of energy-related matters. The attorneys at KRCL represent some of the most innovative, diverse and successful energy companies in the nation and around the world, including:

- Major and independent oil-and-gas companies
- Chemical companies
- Energy service companies
- Financial institutions
- Investors
- Private equity funds

Our attorneys have a broad experience base of representation in the energy industry, including:

- Negotiation and drafting of contractual agreements
- Significant and diverse energy-related litigation
- Bankruptcy
- Lending and borrowing transactions
- Investigation and defense of catastrophic incidents

Beyond our energy related business practice, we continue cultivating an appreciation for our clients' business priorities in litigated matters. As appropriate, we deploy forceful discovery and motion practice to defuse disputes in their infancy. At the same time, our energy litigators routinely take cases to trial, and our adversaries are sensitized to our ability and willingness to fight tenaciously in the courtroom and all the way through verdict.

The veteran energy litigators at KRCL spearhead all types of complex litigation, including class actions and federal multi-district litigation. In particular, royalty disputes and other species of contested mineral interests have become a hotbed for hard-fought litigation in the energy sector. Royalty lawsuits can easily encompass hundreds or even thousands of mineral owners, and our firm has the knowledge needed to navigate both the merits and class certification issues that arise in these large-scale disputes.

We stay ahead of the curve by offering clients practical guidance on emerging issues like the calculation and payment of royalties, including recommended revisions to royalty payment procedures and other best practices aimed at solving problems before they metastasize into costly, full-stroke litigation. By taking proactive measures such as these, our energy lawyers help their clients steer clear of litigation or, at a minimum, strategically position them when litigation cannot be avoided.

The Energy Group at KRCL, in combination with its Litigation Group, can and has handled most every type of energy-related litigation. Specific areas of concentration include:

- Equipment and process failures
- Catastrophic incidents and go team services
- Contractual disputes between operators and oilfield service companies
- Disputes among joint interest and working interest partners
- Breach of supply, service, and confidentiality agreements and the theft and misappropriation of trade secrets
- Condemnation and adverse possession
- Mineral title and deed construction disputes

- Underpayment and miscalculation of leasehold and non-participating royalties
- Lease termination, including cessation of production and violations of continuous drilling and development obligations
- Mineral and subsurface trespass
- Surface-use disputes and damages targeting operators and oilfield service companies
- Formation, dissolution, and administration of mineral receiverships
- Offset drilling and development disputes
- Bad-faith pooling litigation