



Oil, Oil Field and Gas

Federal and state governments are heavily involved in the management of natural resources, and have enacted numerous laws and regulations enforced by scores of governmental agencies focused on both preserving and exploiting natural resources. In the oil and gas area, our attorneys have developed extensive and diverse experience.

Our attorneys have represented producers, landowners, oil field service providers, pipeline companies, and natural gas transmission and distribution systems. We provide services such as oil and gas lease negotiations and drafting; title work, such as record searches, negotiation of sales and transfers of minerals and leases; and oil and gas-related litigation.

Cowles & Thompson has provided services to clients ranging from major multinational oil companies to small Texas operators and service companies. We bring a thoughtful, creative approach to legal issues for oil and gas companies from attorneys who know the meaning of “kicks,” “BOPs” and “mud cake,” “tripping out,” “swabbing” and “Christmas trees.” Whether the matter involves transactional, litigation or environmental issues, attorneys with the Firm provide oil companies with the valuable legal resources they need to fuel their success.

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C&T
has handled
over 20,000
Litigation
matters.

Business

Cowles & Thompson attorneys work with clients on the business aspects of their oil and gas interest. This representation includes:

- Buy/sell agreements
- Personal property damage
- Trespass on right of way
- Master service agreements
- Personal injury and death
- Joint operating agreements
- Royalty agreements
- Well control

Barnett Shale

With the concentration of activity and development of the Barnett Shale Play, many North Texas counties have experienced extensive increases in leasing and exploration activities. Cowles & Thompson is conveniently located to provide legal services to all of these North Texas counties, including Tarrant, Parker, Collin, Wood, Johnson, Wise, Denton, Smith, Palo Pinto, Cooke counties. Attorneys with the Firm have handled matters and disputes for clients in all these counties for many years.

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DISPUTES AND LITIGATION

The Firm has extensive experience in representing oil, gas and oil field service companies in the disputes that arise out of the day-to-day operations of the businesses. This representation includes:

- Accidents, including helicopter and tender craft
- Farmouts and assignments
- Improper drilling procedures and MUD programs
- Royalty disputes
- Blowouts
- Work over and production services
- Gas distribution systems
- Environmental claims
- Pipeline accidents
- Oil and gas and utility line damage
- Loss of hole
- Rig fabrication defects
- Seismic drilling matters
- Gas migration
- Odorization
- Salt water disposal
- Oil and Gas Issues in East Texas

Cowles & Thompson attorneys have experience in the areas of East and West Texas where established oil and gas fields and units have existed for years. The Firm has an office located in Tyler (Smith County), Texas which is especially convenient to the East Texas oil and gas industry.

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