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OVERVIEW

Maddie is an energy attorney with extensive experience in oil and gas, real estate, renewables, and tax credits.

Maddie handles a variety of transactional matters, including agreements for onshore and offshore oil and gas and renewable energy projects, real property acquisitions and divestitures, and various stages of business transactions. She has also counseled clients on a wide array of corporate issues, including entity formation, governance, winding down and dissolution, and trademark protections and licensing.

Maddie has broad experience in the energy industry. She began her career as an oil and gas title attorney before moving to litigation and eventually transactional work. She has researched and written title opinions; drafted discovery requests and responses, briefs, motions, memoranda and court orders; and drafted and negotiated purchase and sale agreements, leases, easements, joint operating agreements, mineral conveyances and reservations, and numerous other transactional documents for energy clients. She is also familiar with the overlap between energy law and environmental law, specifically as it pertains to carbon capture and sequestration and renewable energy sources, including federal and state regulatory issues that pertain to the energy industry.

Most recently Maddie has focused on renewable energy investments, which allows her to utilize her skills and knowledge of the industry with her experience in mergers and acquisitions, tax equity, due diligence, and real estate transactions. She's known as a highly knowledgeable transactional attorney with broad energy

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Carbon Capture & Sequestration

Data Centers

Energy Storage

Oil & Gas

Solar Energy

Tax Credits

Wind Energy

experience who is trustworthy, easy to reach and pleasant to work with.

Experience

- Represented the developer in the repowering of two wind projects totaling more than 300 megawatts in Nolan County, Texas.
- Represented a battery storage developer in negotiating and drafting numerous leases, purchase options and broker agreements in Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Illinois, Oregon and Washington.
- Represented the developer in the acquisition of a 145-megawatt solar project and a 75-megawatt battery storage project in Kleberg County, Texas.
- Represented a data center developer in managing various issues related to oil and gas production on project land in West Texas.
- Represented the developer of virtual power plant and on-site community solar and storage projects in Houston, Texas.
- Represented a client in the negotiation and drafting of renewable energy credit purchase agreements and power purchase agreements in Louisiana, Arizona and California.
- Represented the equity investor in numerous tax credit finance transactions, including a battery energy storage project in Texas generating over \$134,000,000 of federal tax credits, and various solar energy projects in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia generating between \$15,000,000 and \$245,000,000 of federal tax credits.
- Drafted and negotiated oil and gas leases, joint operating agreements, assignments and conveyances, surface use and access agreements, easements, midstream agreements, production handling agreements, and other transactional documents on behalf of clients ranging from landowners to major producers in all phases of energy exploration, development and production.
- Researched, published articles and presented on carbon capture and sequestration and renewable energy issues, including related federal and state regulatory matters.

Experience

- Represented both buyers and sellers in real property transactions, handling title and survey issues, deeds, leases, reservations, exchanges and closing logistics for companies, individuals, landlords and commercial tenants.
- Represented a variety of upstream clients in matters ranging from lease drafting and contract negotiation to complex litigation (including participation in a multi-million-dollar trial on behalf of one of the world's largest publicly traded international oil and gas companies).
- Drafted various documents related to litigation, such as Motions for Summary Judgment, Motions to Compel, Original Petitions, discovery requests and responses; engaged in negotiations and correspondence with clients and other counsel; and performed legal research and drafted numerous memos on a variety of matters, primarily related to oil and gas.
- Facilitated the wind-down of a mid-sized exploration and production company.
- Analyzed abstracts and drafted complex oil and gas title opinions, including supplemental opinions and division order title opinions.
- Reviewed hundreds of oil and gas leases, assignments, joint operating agreements, purchase and sale agreements, various royalty conveyances, and numerous other agreements.
- Assisted in closing a \$278 million Texas Energy Fund Loan for a 460 MW natural gas power plant in Freestone County, Texas.

Recognition

- Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Energy & Natural Resources, 2021

Education

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law
 - Includes semester at University College London
 - *Texas Environmental Law Journal*
 - Women's Law Caucus
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin
 - Plan II Honors

Admissions

- Texas

*Madeline works remotely in Houston, Texas. Contact Madeline via email or phone for in-person/virtual meetings. Use our Houston office address for mail/deliveries.