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Joseph Kmetz is an associate in the Houston office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, where he currently practices with the firm’s Oil and Gas, Mergers and Acquisitions, Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure, Power and Renewables, and Private Equity practice groups, with a particular focus on the upstream and midstream sectors of the oil and gas industry.

Joseph? draws on his legal and commercial background in the energy industry to help clients navigate:

- Acquisitions and divestitures of assets and companies
- Joint ventures and other strategic relationships
- Commercial contracts
- Corporate governance matters, including with respect to environmental and regulatory considerations
- Corporate restructurings

Joseph? maintains an active pro bono practice focused on estate planning and is a member of the Advisory Council for the Honors College at Texas Tech University.

Before practicing law, Joseph worked as a landman for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (now Occidental Petroleum Corporation). In that role, he served on the company’s long-term planning team for Colorado, calculated land ownership for US Securities and Exchange Commission reporting, cured oil and gas title defects, and helped modernize the company’s form joint operating agreement for Rocky Mountain assets.

Joseph's? experience includes advising:*

Traditional Oil and Gas? (Upstream and Midstream)

- Occidental Petroleum in its $12 billion acquisition of CrownRock L.P.
- 1PointFive, a subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Company, in its execution of a 25-year CO2 transportation and sequestration agreement
- North Hudson Resource Partners in the acquisition of producing assets from White Rock Energy, LLC in the Williston Basin, in partnership with TXO Partners, L.P.
- Liberty Resources in the sale of its midstream infrastructure and upstream assets in the Williston Basin
- Crescent Midstream on various corporate governance matters and the negotiation

Capabilities

Oil and Gas

Energy and Infrastructure

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Projects

Credentials

Education

University of Denver - 2019 Juris Doctor

Texas Tech University - 2015 B.A. Business Administration

Admissions

Texas Bar

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and execution of confidentiality agreements, transportation service agreements, connection agreements, and similar commercial contracts

- Diversified Energy Company on:
  - Its $1.275 billion merger with Maverick Natural Resources
  - Various asset-based acquisitions and divestitures
- Arclight Capital Partners on:
  - Its acquisition of a minority interest in the Gulf Coast Express Pipeline
  - Its investment and partial ownership arrangement in the Salamanca Production Facility in the Offshore Gulf of Mexico
- Vitol on forming VTX Energy Partners
- Woodside on:
  - A joint venture with Shell for deepwater Gulf of Mexico exploration and development projects
  - A working interest selldown to Occidental Petroleum for certain deepwater Gulf of Mexico oil and gas leases
- Magellan Midstream Partners on its US$18.8 billion merger with ONEOK (environmental emphasis)
- Chisholm Energy on its multi-well farmout and joint development arrangement with an undisclosed E&P company involving Permian Basin assets
- Navitas Petroleum on project development and financing of the offshore Shenandoah Prospect in the Gulf of Mexico
- A private equity client in the sale of certain non-operated upstream assets in Oklahoma
- A private equity client in the sale of non-operated upstream assets in Pennsylvania and West Virginia
- IOG Resources II in a joint development partnership with Elevation Resources

Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure

- Daikin Applied in its acquisition of Chilldyne, a provider of advanced data center cooling technology
- Various private data center developers in connection with data center lease agreements with hyperscale customers

Energy Transition and Renewables

- Chevron USA on its joint venture with Bunge North America to create renewable fuel feedstocks in the US
- ConocoPhilips on acquiring a 30% ownership stake and offtake arrangements with

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Sempra Infrastructure Partners at Port Arthur LNG Facility

- Amp Americas on acquiring assets from Vitol that convert dairy waste into renewable natural gas
- Woodside on a planned liquefied hydrogen facility (H2OK), a net zero hydrogen project located in Oklahoma

Corporate Restructurings

- An international company with substantial U.S. operations in a tax-driven entity reorganization involving both its U.S. and South American subsidiaries
- MLCJR on the sale of its oil and gas assets through a Chapter 11 Section, Section 363 sale process
- Nine Point energy in the sale of its oil and gas assets through a Chapter 11, Section 363 sale process
- Pacific Drilling in its pre-arranged chapter 11 restructuring to address over $1.1 billion of funded debt obligations and other legacy liabilities
- Superior Energy Services in its chapter 11 restructuring to address $1.3 billion of funded debt obligations and other legacy liabilities

** Includes matters handled prior to joining Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher*

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