

Pat Knapp

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OVERVIEW

Pat Knapp is a partner and member of the Mergers and Acquisitions practice group. Prior to joining the firm, Pat served as executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary for a NASDAQ-traded energy company, where he managed all legal, risk, compliance, regulatory, HR, and insurance matters and led numerous M&A and public securities financing transactions.

In addition to his in-house leadership experience, Pat brings a broad perspective on complex M&A transactions, corporate securities and board governance matters, and a range of commercial and financial transactions. His experience spans upstream, midstream, and downstream energy companies, infrastructure providers, and industrial development.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before his in-house role, Pat was a partner at a US-based national and international law firm, where he led and negotiated numerous M&A and financing transactions for family office, private equity, and public company clients. Earlier in his career, he held senior counsel and associate roles in both public company and private practice settings, focusing on due diligence and commercial agreements supporting M&A and project finance transactions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Best Lawyers in Dallas 2016—Energy & Natural Resources Law, D Magazine

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Dallas Bar Association, Energy Law Section
- State Bar of Texas, Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section
- Notre Dame Club of Dallas
- Board Chairman, Sister Loyola Foundation

- Former Board Director, Archway Insurance, Ltd.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, *Produced Water Law & Policy Update*, 3rd Annual Oilfield Water Markets Conference, May 2023
- Moderator, *Water Infrastructure Projects, State Bar of Texas Advanced Oil*, Gas and Energy Resources Law Course, October 2022
- Moderator, *CEO Fireside Chat*, Oilfield Water Markets 4th Annual Industry Update Conference, October 2022
- Speaker, Jackson Walker's *Hot Topics in Oilfield Produced Water Webinar*, July 2022
- Speaker, *Overriding Concerns: Title Issues in Produced Water*, HAPL 53rd Annual Technical Workshop, April 2022
- Panelist, *The Private E&P Operator Perspective on Water Management Optimization*, Oilfield Water Markets 2021 Conference, May 2021
- Moderator, *Getting the Deal Done: A Discussion of Key Negotiation Points in Oil and Gas M&A*, 71st Annual Oil & Gas Law Conference, February 20-21, 2020
- Speaker, *Service Agreements in the Downturn*, Energy Law Section, Dallas Bar Association, April 2016.
- Speaker, *Crude By Rail from a Driller's Perspective*, Review of Oil & Gas Law XXX, Dallas Bar Association, August 2015

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 2010
- B.B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2007

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *Managing Risk with Oilfield Produced Water*, Dallas Bar Association, Headnotes Newsletter, August 2023

NEWS & EVENTS

- 30 June 2026, K&L Gates Enhances Texas Corporate and Energy Capabilities With Dallas Partner Addition

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 30 June 2026, *Law360* | K&L Gates Brings On Energy Co. Legal Chief In Dallas
- 30 June 2026, *The Texas Lawbook* | K&L Gates Bolsters Corporate Offerings, Adds Energy & Infrastructure GC in Dallas

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Energy Assets and Transactions

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Led representation of Deep Blue Midland Basin, LLC, a Five Point Capital-backed portco, in its US$155 million acquisition of Lagoon Water Midstream, LLC, a Midland-basin focused water midstream infrastructure provider.
- Led representation of Jorgan Development, LLC and affiliates, a Dallas, Texas-based family office, in its US$120+ million sale of a suite of midstream crude oil and water transportation businesses to Vivakor, Inc. (NASDAQ: VIVK) in exchange for common stock, notes payable, and control.
- Led representation of Pilot Water Solutions LLC and affiliates, a subsidiary of Pilot Travel Centers LLC d/b/a Pilot Flying J, in a series of divestitures of its crude oil and water transportation businesses to a variety of undisclosed purchasers.
- Led representation of Vivakor, Inc. (NASDAQ: VIVK) in US$52+ million divestiture of noncore business units to a variety of undisclosed purchasers.
- Led representation of Jorgan Development, LLC and affiliates, a Dallas, Texas-based family office, in its US$33 million sale of crude oil midstream terminating businesses to Vivakor, Inc. (NASDAQ: VIVK) for common stock and notes payable.
- Led representation of Martin Water Midstream, LLC and affiliates in US$22 million platform acquisition of Martin County water midstream assets from Aris Water Solutions, LLC.
- Represented Bridger, LLC, a Riverstone Holdings-backed portco, in its US$835 million exit transaction to Ferrellgas Partners, LP (NYSE: FGP) and US$250 million-spinoff of crude oil marketing division to Dallas, Texas-based family office.
- Led representation of Ferrellgas Partners, LP (NYSE: FGP) in exit and wind-down of its crude oil and water midstream divisions to a variety of undisclosed purchasers.
- Led representation of Crawford & Crawford, Inc., in the simultaneous US$28+ million acquisition and sale of four Permian ranches, together with surface easements and water disposal rights, to DBR Land Holdings, LLC, a Five Point Capital-backed portco.

- Led representation of Martin Water Midstream, LLC and affiliates, in its initial private fund capital raise totaling US$20 million from a series of family offices and exempt investors.
- Led representation of Jorgan Development, LLC and affiliates, a Dallas, Texas-based family office, in negotiation of US$50 million long-term asset-based loan secured by midstream crude oil assets and properties.
- Led representation of affiliates of Vivakor, Inc., in negotiation of US$40 million commodity intermediation facility with undisclosed wholesaler.
- Led representation of Meridian Equipment Leasing, LLC, a Dallas, Texas-based family office affiliate, in US$32 million capital lease financing transaction with Maxus Capital Group, LLC.
- Represented Basic Energy Services, LLC, in negotiation of US$18 million Ch. 11 bankruptcy sale of water midstream assets to Ventana Midstream, LLC, a Marauder Capital portco.