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Matt is a trusted advisor to energy clients, combining over fifteen years of operational expertise with a proven track record in structuring complex oil and gas finance transactions.

Practice Areas

- Energy & Infrastructure

Education

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2023, *Order of the Coif*; *Order of the Barons*; Robert Allen Memorial Scholarship; Lex Award in Property; Editor, *Houston Law Review*
- M.B.A., Global Energy Management, Certificate in Energy Risk Management, University of Houston, C.T. Bauer College of Business, 2012
- B.S., Finance, University of Phoenix, 2007

Matt pairs over fifteen years of hands-on operational experience in the oil and gas industry with a sophisticated, deal-tested legal practice focused on energy-backed structured finance. Before practicing law, he held roles with both integrated majors and entrepreneurial independents, stewarding assets across the entire upstream value chain and gaining the practical insights that now inform his legal counsel.

Clients value Matt's ability to "speak operator," anticipate commercial pain points, and translate field-level realities into bankable transaction structures.

Matt has worked on more than U.S. \$2 billion in oil and gas securitizations, including a restructuring of a landmark asset-backed program. He routinely navigates cutting-edge issues—royalty trust cash-flow modeling, operated-property collateral packages, and master-trust waterfall mechanics—with the confidence of a veteran who has seen it all. Whether shepherding a debut issuer to market or re-engineering legacy paper to weather commodity-price swings, Matt brings an uncommon blend of boardroom strategy, rig-site know-how, and meticulous legal execution that positions clients for lasting success in this rapidly evolving asset class.

Publications

- 59-2 Hous. L. Rev. 513 (2021), *Could Federal Officer Removal Be the Undervalued, Underutilized Key? A Look Back at Mayor of Baltimore v. BP P.L.C.*

Admissions

- Texas