

## Water Rights

### Trending Issues

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The lawyers in our Water Rights Practice have significant experience handling transactions, litigation and regulatory matters involving the purchase, sale and leasing of groundwater and surface water rights, as well as the infrastructure development and project financing that often accompanies these matters.

Demand for water is estimated to increase 50 percent in Texas in the next 50 years, and clients are turning to Haynes and Boone to successfully navigate complex matters involving water rights and water quality.

Our integrated team, drawn from a variety of disciplines including environmental, energy, real estate, projects and financial services, represents numerous and diverse clients, from municipalities and groundwater management districts, to utilities and energy companies, to landowners and private industry.

Our services to clients include:

- Negotiation and drafting of agreements relating to all aspects of groundwater and surface water rights
- Development of municipal leasing and acquisition programs
- “Water farm” agreements
- Development agreements for water generation, treatment and supply facilities, including diversion facilities, aqueducts and pipelines
- Structured and project financing for water infrastructure development

Additionally, we provide environmental regulatory and litigation support relating to water quality issues, including matters involving wastewater, recycled or “gray” water, and remediation of contaminated groundwater and surface water.

Our decades of experience working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, greatly benefits our clients because we know the regulators, and they know our reputation for providing creative and pragmatic solutions for our clients.