

Law360 Names Michelle Scheffler Among the Nation's Top Energy Attorneys Under 40 for 2021

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Law360 has named Partner Michelle Scheffler a Rising Star in Energy. She is one of only five lawyers nationwide to earn the distinction.

Recipients of this year's Rising Star distinction were "selected based on their career accomplishments in their respective disciplines," according to *Law360*, which said that the winners are "comprised of top litigators and dealmakers practicing at a level usually seen from veteran attorneys."

Michelle is based in the firm's Houston office and serves as co-chair of the Oil and Gas Practice Group. She is a solutions-oriented trial lawyer who counsels clients in complex commercial litigation matters. While Michelle's practice focuses primarily on clients in the oil and gas industry, she also handles trial and appellate matters in a variety of fields involving contract disputes, property rights and business torts. She regularly represents clients in multimillion-dollar lawsuits in both state and federal courts across the country.

In her oil and gas practice, Michelle represents major integrated oil and gas companies, privately owned independents and equity investors in a range of matters including cases arising under operating agreements, lease termination disputes, royalty litigation, and complex title disputes. She also provides pre-litigation counsel to her oil and gas clients and advises on litigation risk for oil and gas transactions.

Additionally, during her time seconded to the commercial litigation group of one of the world's largest oil and gas companies, Michelle gained not only subject-matter experience, but unique insight into in-house counsel and business concerns, making her a more effective advocate for her clients.

Here is an excerpt from her feature in *Law360*:

Michelle says the greatest thing she has done so far has been building out her team at Haynes Boone.

That work began in early 2018, when she left her last job at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, where she was what she called a "baby partner with a very short client list."

Now she has built a top tier national practice, which she chalks up to finding the right team to do the job. That includes what she called the best and most talented oil and gas lawyers in the market, but also a deep bench. She's also proud of the firm's ability to handle some of the most complex and important cases, and ability to run multiple trial teams at the same time.

"We're able to offer our producer clients a full gamut of services that they need, which is really

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To read the rest of her feature, click [here](#).