Leading Energy Litigators Join Haynes and Boone

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Craig Stahl and Jeffrey Kuehnle have joined the Houston office of Haynes Boone as partners in the firm's Litigation and Energy Practice Groups.

"Craig and Jeff are a perfect fit for our thriving energy practice," said Partner Jeff Nichols, co-chair of Haynes Boone's Energy Practice Group. "Their experience serving on the front lines of complex oil and gas lawsuits will be a huge asset to our clients and bolsters our substantial presence in this area."

Stahl has decades of experience handling oil and gas litigation, including serving as lead counsel for oil and gas producers in multidistrict litigation and class actions with multimillions of dollars at stake. He has particular experience handling disputes over royalty payments and joint operating agreements, among other matters, and has appeared in state and federal courts across Texas and the country.

Stahl most recently was a partner at Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP, where he was co-chair of the firm's Energy Litigation Practice and served in other leadership roles.

"I have long admired Haynes Boone's established Energy Practice and was drawn to the fact that the firm has such close ties to oil and gas producers and other energy clients in Houston, Denver and other leading markets," Stahl said. "Even as the Houston market has grown, with many national firms opening offices here, Haynes Boone has emerged as one of the nation's leading energy firms. This is a perfect platform for me to continue to represent oil and gas producers in bet-the-company cases."

Kuehnle also was a partner at Andrews Kurth and has focused much of his career on representing major energy producers in multimillion-dollar lawsuits and appeals. He has a mechanical engineering degree from Texas A&M University and has worked with Stahl since Kuehnle graduated from law school 20 years ago.

Haynes Boone's Energy Practice Group comprises more than 100 lawyers and professional landmen with diverse backgrounds, experiences and skill sets specific to the energy industry. The practice group members' experience spans decades of active participation in the energy industry with a depth of practice that includes upstream, midstream and downstream oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids; natural gas transportation, liquefaction, regasification, and marketing; electric power generation, transmission, tolling agreements, wholesale and retail marketing transactions, and regulatory compliance with state commission, FERC, ISOs and RTOs requirements; and related commodity hedging transactions.

The firm handles high-stakes transactions and litigation, as well as financings and regulatory advice, for a diverse array of clients, including independent U.S. oil and gas producers, major international oil companies, global commodity traders, domestic power companies, and large commercial lenders and private equity firms.

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