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Area of Emphasis

Paul Atencio is a shareholder in the Energy and Natural Resources Group and a vice-chair of the Mineral Title Department. Mr. Atencio is an experienced and creative problem solver in oil and gas law and assists clients in the development of oil and gas assets. He counsels oil and gas companies on a wide range of energy matters, including title, due diligence, title defect curative work, mineral and lease acquisitions, joint ventures, oil and gas lease and leasing issues, and voluntary and forced pooling. Mr. Atencio also assists clients in their defense of disputes regarding royalty and bonus payments, ownership of oil and gas, and surface use and damage claims.

Mr. Atencio also counsels clients from a variety of industries on business and corporate law and real estate, transactional and regulatory matters.

Background

Mr. Atencio graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1995 with a B.A. and earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2003.

Memberships and Affiliations

Mr. Atencio is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia. He is a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), Houston Association of Professional Landmen (HAPL), Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF), Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF) and National Association of Division Order Analysts (NADOA). He is a past vice-chair of the Oil & Gas Committee of the American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy and Resources.

Publications/Presentations

Mr. Atencio has been published and lectures frequently on topics including oil and gas law and business law issues before industry organizations and in-house audiences in the oil and gas industry.