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Profile

Mike provides legal advice to several oil and gas companies ranging in size from senior integrated to junior exploration companies in negotiating and drafting contracts and providing advice on issues pertaining to joint ventures, financing, purchase and sale, transportation, processing and construction, and securities issues. Mike has supervised many large scale projects related to oil and gas unit consolidation, domestic and international acquisitions, takeover bids, due diligence and financings. In addition to mainstream oil and gas matters, Mike has developed subspecialties in the area of coalbed methane development and water rights. Mike also has wide ranging experience in international and offshore transactions.

Mike has prepared and presented several papers to the Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation, Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen, Petroleum Joint Venture Association and the Natural Resources Subsection of the Canadian Bar Association. In addition, Mike teaches courses related to oil and gas agreements to land and legal personnel. Mike is a member of the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Bar Association (in 1996, Mike served as the Business Law Chairman), Calgary Winter Club, Petroleum Joint Venture Association, Calgary Petroleum Club, and the Alberta Freehold Mineral Tax Appeal Board.

Mike is recognized as a leader in the field of energy law in the Chambers & Partner Global 2007 Guide.

Media Appearances

Quoted - "Canada's Upstream Oil and Gas Industry Energized", The Globe and Mail, CAPP1, A special information supplement for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, February 23, 2006.

Publications

Author - "EUB Changes to Well Spacing Regulations and potential Impact on Freehold Offset Clauses", Blakes Bulletin on Energy - Oil & Gas, July 2006.

Author - "Recent EUB Announcement on CBM Legal Entitlement", Blakes Bulletin on Energy - Oil & Gas, July 2006.

Co-author - "Shallow Coalbed Methane Drilling: New Mandatory Baseline Testing of Water Wells", Blakes Bulletin on Energy, April 2006.

Author - "Operator's Liability Under AAPL Deepwater Operating Agreement: A Comparison to the AIPN 2002 Model Form International Agreement and Other Recent Canadian Offshore Agreements", Blakes Bulletin On Oil & Gas, March 2003.

Professional Activities

Moderator - "North American Supply Tight and Getting Tighter", CERI 2006 Natural Gas Conference, North American Markets, Calgary, Alberta, March 13-14, 2006.

Workshop Leader - "Contract Risk Management in China's Oil & Gas Industry Conference", Drafting Effective Production Sharing Contracts within a Chinese Context, IQPC Worldwide Pte Ltd., Beijing, China, November 29-December 1, 2005.

Education

Admitted to Alberta Bar - 1986

LL.B., University of Calgary - 1985

M.P.A., University of Victoria - 1980