

# Andrew M. Stakelum

Partner

*Trial and Global Disputes*

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Andrew Stakelum is a partner in King & Spalding's Houston Office who focuses on tort and commercial disputes involving the onshore and offshore energy industry. His practice spans domestic oil and gas producing states, Latin America, Asia, Africa and their surrounding waters. Andrew also counsels energy industry clients on pre-litigation issues, including contractual risk allocation, domestic oil and gas regulations and compliance with offshore and marine regulations.

**Onshore Energy Expertise.** Andrew regularly assists clients with onshore upstream, midstream, and downstream disputes. This includes disputes involving historical oilfield environmental liabilities, joint operator agreements, well abandonment and decommissioning responsibilities, energy infrastructure projects (pipelines, refineries, and LNG facilities), and well-site incidents. Andrew has litigated many of these disputes in Louisiana, where he is also licensed and has extensive experience with Louisiana's civil law regime.

**Offshore Energy Expertise.** Andrew also maintains an active maritime practice involving the offshore energy industry. He has litigated pollution claims under the Oil Pollution Act and Clean Water Act, vessel casualties, vessel arrests and Rule B attachments, offshore drilling contract disputes, and vessel charter disputes. In addition, Andrew advises offshore energy clients on maritime choice of law issues and the application of international maritime conventions. He also advises clients on operational and compliance issues involving the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard.

Andrew has tried cases to verdict in Louisiana state courts and U.S. federal courts in Louisiana, Texas, and Missouri; and he has arbitrated disputes to final award under the AAA, SMA, and HMAA rules. Andrew has presented at various conferences in the U.S. and U.K. on oilfield environmental issues, offshore regulatory developments, and offshore contractual risk allocation. He has also authored numerous articles on these topics.

## Matters

### Onshore

Defended multiple oil and gas companies against allegations that historical oilfield operations contaminated soil and groundwater with chlorides and heavy metals.

Defended oil and gas company in Louisiana federal court against allegations that historical oil and gas operations along Louisiana's coast contributed to coastal erosion.

Represented multiple oil and gas companies in disputes involving legacy well abandonment and facility abandonment liabilities.

Represented multiple oil and gas companies in disputes concerning preferential rights of first refusal contained in joint operating agreements.

## **Offshore**

Defended oil and gas company in Puerto Rico against mass tort claims arising out of tank farm explosion during vessel discharge operations.

Defended oil and gas company which was alleged to have wrongfully redelivered a tanker vessel in breach of the vessel charter.

Represented one of Louisiana's largest private land owners in pursuing claims against a responsible party under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

Represented owner of offshore platform whose platform was damaged in vessel allision resulting in lost and deferred production.

Represented oil and gas company in dispute involving early termination rights under an offshore drilling contract.

Defended oilfield contractors against whistleblower allegations of offshore regulatory violations.

## **Energy Infrastructure**

Represented refinery owner in pursuing claims against the contractor arising out of the construction of refinery.

Represented oil and gas company in dispute with purchaser of various pipeline systems in Louisiana.

## **Credentials**

### **EDUCATION**

J.D., Tulane University, cum laude

B.B.A., University of Georgia, magna cum laude

### **ADMISSIONS**

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Louisiana

Texas

## **Insights**

### **NEWSLETTER**

*May 8, 2019*

Energy Newsletter – May 2019

*April 9, 2019*

Energy Newsletter – April 2019

*February 8, 2019*

Energy Newsletter – February 2019

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## Events

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*October 12, 2017*

Elizabeth Taber, Andrew Stakelum to Present at Oilfield Services Law Conference

*March 24, 2017*

Andrew Stakelum to Speak at Texas A&M University Law School Energy Law Symposium

*June 15, 2016*

Andrew Stakelum to Address Dallas Bar Association's Energy Law Section Meeting

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## News

### IN THE NEWS

*December 14, 2018 • Source: Law360*

Andrew Stakelum quoted on why the Supreme Court's ruling in *Weyerhaeuser Co. v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* opens the door for property owners such as oil and gas developers to contest agency reviews

### PRESS RELEASE

*November 30, 2017*

King & Spalding Elects 17 New Partners and Promotes 12 Counsel Across Seven Offices

*February 26, 2015*

King & Spalding Has Leading Role in Significant Energy Industry Win

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