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INDUSTRIES
Energy Transactions

PRACTICE AREAS
Corporate/Securities

Energy

EDUCATION
JD, 1998, honors, The University of Texas School of Law

BA, 1995, *magna cum laude,* University of North Texas

ADMITTED
Texas 1998

Chris Wade's practice involves a wide range of corporate and securities matters, including:

- issuer and underwriter representation in connection with public offerings, private placements, and restructurings of common- and preferred- equity securities and investment-grade and high-yield debt securities;
- domestic and international mergers and acquisitions;
- continuing corporate compliance with state and federal securities regulations, including SEC reporting and Sarbanes-Oxley matters;
- tender offers and exchange offers for equity and debt securities;
- proxy and consent solicitations;
- corporate governance; and
- general corporate and securities matters.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

<u>Securities Offerings</u>

- underwriters' counsel for a series of public high-yield debt offerings (representing $1.5 billion in aggregate principal amount) by an independent oil and gas exploration and production company;
- underwriters'/initial purchasers' counsel for a series of public and private (144A and Regulation S) investment-grade debt offerings (representing $5.4 billion in aggregate principal amount) by several affiliates of one of the largest oil and gas pipeline companies in the United States;
- underwriters' counsel for a public investment-grade debt offering (representing $1.56 billion in aggregate principal amount) by a company that owns and operates a diversified portfolio of energy assets (including midstream, transportation, storage and retail operations);
- underwriters' counsel for a public investment-grade debt offering (representing $1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount) by one of the largest common carrier pipelines of refined petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gases in the United States;
- issuer's counsel for a series of private (144A and Regulation S) high-yield debt offerings (representing $800 million in aggregate principal amount) by a privately-held company engaged in the acquisition, development, exploitation and production of oil and natural gas properties;

- issuer's counsel for a series of private (144A and Regulation S) high-yield debt offerings (representing $505 million in aggregate principal amount) by a multi-faceted oilfield services company;
- issuer's counsel for an initial public offering of master limited partnership equity units (valued at $105 million) by a growth-oriented oil and gas gathering and processing company;
- underwriters' counsel for a public offering of master limited partnership equity units (valued at over $300 million) by a large oil and gas pipeline company;
- underwriters' counsel for a private (144A and Regulation S) investment-grade debt offering (representing $300 million in aggregate principal amount) by one of the United States' leading gatherers of raw natural gas and one of its largest producers (and largest marketers) of natural gas liquids;
- issuer's counsel for a private (144A and Regulation S) high-yield debt offering (representing $250 million in aggregate principal amount) by an independent energy company engaged primarily in the development, production and marketing of natural gas and oil;
- issuer's counsel for a private (144A and Regulation S) high-yield debt offering (representing $300 million in aggregate principal amount) by an affiliate of the owner of North America's largest natural gas pipeline system;
- issuer's counsel for a series of public offerings of common stock (valued at over $149 million in the aggregate) by a multi-faceted oilfield services company.

Restructurings, Tender and Exchange Offers, Consent Solicitations and Remarketings

- issuer's counsel for a series of private and public exchange offers and consent solicitations relating to the restructuring of several series of debt securities (representing approximately $2.3 billion in aggregate principal amount) issued by an affiliate of the owner of North America's largest natural gas pipeline system;
- dealer manager's counsel for a series of tender offers and consent solicitations relating to several series of debt securities (representing approximately $1.25 billion in aggregate principal amount) issued by an affiliate of a publicly-traded independent oil and gas exploration and production company;
- issuer's counsel for a series of private tender offers for multiple series of high-yield debt securities (representing $275 million in aggregate principal amount) by a privately-held oil and natural gas production company;
- issuer's counsel for the remarketing of $272.1 million aggregate principal amount of debt securities for the owner of North America's largest natural gas pipeline system.

Mergers and Acquisitions

- purchaser's counsel for the acquisition of all the outstanding capital stock of a leading provider of drilling, completion, repair and related services for oil and gas wells in Argentina;
- purchaser's counsel for the acquisition of substantially all the assets of a Louisiana-based provider of rental tools to offshore and onshore exploration and production companies.

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- Houston Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas