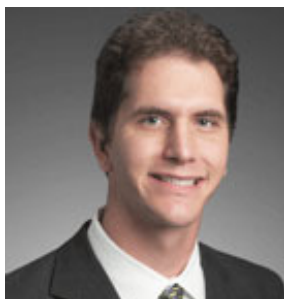


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### PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate/Securities

### EDUCATION

JD, 2006, South Texas  
College of Law  
BA, 2001, English, The  
University of Texas

### ADMITTED

Texas 2006

Mark Howell's practice covers general corporate and securities matters with an emphasis on registered securities offerings. Specifically, Mark's practice focuses on representing issuers and underwriters in initial public offerings of equity securities, as well as offerings of high-yield and investment grade debt securities.

Mark also counsels domestic and foreign companies in connection with periodic reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, corporate governance, executive compensation disclosure items and Section 16 reporting of insider and other ownership transactions.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Recently, Mark represented an issuer in the successful tender offer for its outstanding debt securities, including the amendment of the indenture governing the company's notes, and assisted in the development of a security agreement to provide collateral for the notes.

Mark also recently represented underwriters in the public offering and sale of \$3.0 billion in debt financing for a large natural gas pipeline company.

Mark's other deal experience includes:

- Representation of underwriters in the \$309 million initial public offering of a midstream NASDAQ-listed, publicly traded limited partnership.
- Representation of an E&P company in a \$203 million offering of its senior notes.
- Representation of a Canadian company's acquisition of a Texas based oilfield services company. (2007)
- Representation of an E&P issuer in a \$120 million initial public offering of a NASDAQ-listed, publicly traded limited partnership. (2007)
- Representation of Plains Exploration & Production Company in its merger with Pogo Producing Company. (2007)
- Representation of green energy company in the initial public offering and NASDAQ listing of its common stock. (2007)

### PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

**Member** - American Bar Association