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TRANSACTIONS

Oil & Gas – US/Canada

Mineral and Royalty Interest MLPs: An Alternative Exit For PE-Backed Mineral and Royalty Interest Cos.

Jeffery K. Malonson and Archie Fallon

The MLP is a tax efficient structure through which to finance consolidation of mineral and royalty interests. This article highlights structural considerations for private equity-backed mineral and royalty interest companies evaluating the MLP as a vehicle to finance long-term growth. [More »](#)

Key Takeaways and Lessons Learned from King & Spalding's Energy Forum: Energy Capital Markets Energy Forum

Denis Fallon, Kathryn Furman, Jeffery Malonson and Thomas Spulak

Attracting more than 100 attendees from all over the country, King & Spalding's second Energy Forum for 2017 addressed energy capital markets from the perspective of both private equity and public offerings. Industry leaders in the corporate, legal and banking arenas discussed trends they are seeing in energy capital markets and the challenges that the industry faces in light of an uncertain regulatory environment and continuing low oil prices. [More »](#)

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Thinking Beyond the Dispute Resolution Provision in Construction Disputes

Ben Pollock and Craig Ledet

When a claim threatens a major construction project, the contract's dispute resolution provisions do not always need to read as step-by-step instructions. Prudent parties will study the contract's requirements but also consider options that might more effectively address the particular dispute and circumstances. [More »](#)

LITIGATION

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Home Court Advantage: Supreme Court Limits Where Patent Lawsuits May be Filed

Holmes Hawkins, III and Abby L. Parsons

The Supreme Court held that a patentee only may sue a domestic corporation for patent infringement in either (a) the company's State of incorporation, or (b) where the defendant has committed acts of infringement and has a regular and established place of business, reversing twenty five years of Federal Circuit precedent permitting patentees to sue in any venue where the defendant was subject to personal jurisdiction. The ruling likely will gut the booming patent litigation business in the Eastern District of Texas and shift most new cases to Delaware or California. While the court established one bright line rule, it created significant uncertainty for pending cases. [More »](#)

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Financial Restructuring senior associate Thad Wilson (Atlanta) was a featured speaker on a conference call hosted by the American Bankruptcy Institute Litigation Committee on May 25 discussing his recent article, "Settling CERCLA Liabilities in Energy-Related Bankruptcy Cases." [More »](#)

Houston energy partner Kathy Marietta and energy counsel Monica Hwang presented "Structuring LNG Tolling Agreements: Negotiating Fee Structure and Payment, Lifting Terms, Liability, and Other Key Provisions" at the Strafford live webinar on May 16. [More »](#)

Moscow Global Transactions partner Jennifer Josefson was a featured speaker at the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum from May 16-20. Jennifer's panel addressed "Contractual Instruments in Sphere of Subsoil Use:

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