

Bracewell Recognized as Legal Powerhouse in Legal 500 US 2023

Awards & Rankings

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HOUSTON – Bracewell LLP's continued excellence on finance, transactional, regulatory and litigation matters in the energy, finance and real estate industries earned the firm top rankings in *The Legal 500 United States 2023*. For the seventh year in a row, Bracewell received a Tier 1 national ranking for Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas. In total, the firm received 116 practice and individual lawyer recommendations.

G. Alan Rafte (Energy Transactions: Oil and Gas) and **Catherine McCarthy** (Energy Regulation: Electric Power) were named to *Legal 500's* Hall of Fame, and eight Bracewell partners were recommended as Leading Lawyers:

- **Stephen L. Braga** – Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense
- **Jeffrey R. Holmstead** – Environment: Regulatory
- **Mark K. Lewis** – Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas
- **Charles R. Mills** – Energy Litigation: Electric Power
- **D. Kirk Morgan II** – Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas
- **Danielle M. Varnell** – Energy Transactions: Electric Power
- **Richard F. Whiteley** – Real Estate: Construction
- **Timothy A. Wilkins** – Environment: Regulatory

In addition, two lawyers were named Next Generation Partners across three categories:

- **Michael W. Brooks** – Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas; and Energy Regulation: Electric Power

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