

## Jay Harper

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Jay Harper is a transactional lawyer who represents and counsels both public and private clients in a variety of midstream and upstream oil and gas transactions. Jay regularly represents clients in the acquisition and divestiture of oil and gas properties, including mineral interests, as well as a broad range of operational matters, such as gathering and transportation agreements; connection and dedication agreements; farmout and participation agreements; joint operating agreements; exchange agreements; surface use agreements; produced water and salt water disposal projects; projects for gas sequestration; and drilling and development projects.

During law school, Jay served as a judicial intern to Justice Bill Whitehill in the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas. He also was the articles editor for the *SMU Law Review* Association.

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## Experience

### Apache Corporation

- \$608 million sale of certain unconventional producing assets in the state of New Mexico to Permian Resources Corporation
- \$950 million sale of non-core oil and gas assets in the Permian Basin
- sale of approximately 24,000 net royalty acres across several counties in the Midland Basin

## **Rock River Minerals IV, LP**

- divestiture of approximately 8,500 royalty acres in the Midland Basin to Freehold Royalties

## **Private equity-backed buyer**

- acquisition of certain oil and gas assets from a publicly traded oil and gas company in the DJ Basin

## **Iron Orchard Upstream LLC**

- negotiation of two term assignments with a drilling commitment for the acquisition of certain oil and gas assets in the Delaware Basin from a large publicly traded oil and gas producer
- acquisition of assets in the Delaware Basin from a private-equity backed portfolio company

## **Black Swan Oil & Gas LLC**

- negotiation of midstream connection, dedication and development agreements for assets in the Permian Basin

## **Subsidiary of a publicly-traded midstream company**

- negotiation of an anchor shipper arrangement with a large publicly traded exploration and production operator for the buildout of a gathering system in the Utica Shale

## **Publicly-traded exploration and production company**

- asset exchange whereby it conveyed certain producing properties to a private buyer in exchange for an oil and gas lease on a large position of unleased mineral interests held by affiliates of that private buyer

## **MB Minerals L.P.**

- \$143.1 million sale of Midland Basin mineral and royalty interests to Kimbell Royalty Partners, LP

## **Fortune 500 O&G operator**

- carbon sequestration project in the Permian Basin involving analysis of land rights on approximately 25,000 acres and drafting pore space lease forms for the various land rights needed from land owners for the project

## **Driftwood Energy Operating, LLC**

- sale of assets in the Midland Basin to Vital Energy, Inc

## **Cactus, Inc.**

- approximately \$620 million acquisition of FlexSteel Technologies Holdings, Inc. and certain of its affiliates

## **Arroyo Energy Investment Partners LLC**

- sale of two US electric power generation investments, Brandywine and Broad River. The sale includes more than 1,100 MW of power generation.

## **Titus Oil & Gas Production, LLC and Titus Oil & Gas Production II, LLC**

- \$627 million divestiture of New Mexico assets located in the northern Delaware Basin owned by Titus Oil & Gas Production, LLC, Titus Oil & Gas Production II, LLC, and their affiliates to Earthstone Energy, Inc. (NYSE:ESTE). The aggregate purchase price consists of \$575 million in cash and approximately 3.9 million shares of Earthstone's Class A common stock valued at \$52 million based on a closing share price of \$13.51 on June 24, 2022.

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## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, J.D., 2021
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A.

### **Bar Admissions**

- Texas

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## **Recognition**

### **SMU Law Review**

- Articles Editor

### **SMU Dedman School of Law, Longhorn Bar Association, Secretary and President**

- Dean's Scholarship

### **Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas**

- Judicial Intern

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## Resources

### **Permian Consolidation Piques Interest in Drill-to-Earn Opportunities**

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## Publications & Speeches

- “Permian Consolidation Piques Interest in Drill-to-Earn Opportunities,” *Oil and Gas Investor*, August 13, 2024.