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John Stavinoha advises private equity firms and public and private companies on a broad range of sophisticated transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, and project development. With a deep understanding of the energy industry, John provides strategic counsel across the upstream and midstream sectors, helping clients navigate complex legal landscapes to achieve their business objectives. His experience spans various asset classes, from conventional and unconventional oil and gas plays to critical midstream infrastructure.

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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

### Kinder Morgan, Inc.

- negotiation on a pore space lease of 10,800 acres near the Houston Ship Channel from TGS Cedar Port Partners, LP to develop CO2 sequestration

## Industries

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## Practices

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solutions for nearby sources of emissions as Kinder Morgan expands its carbon management and storage business unit

## **Various private equity-backed E&P companies**

- \$505 million in cash sale of Delaware Basin assets to APA Corp
- \$300 million acquisition of certain unconventional oil and gas assets located in New Mexico
- acquisition of certain oil and gas assets from a publicly traded oil and gas company in the DJ Basin

## **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

## **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

## **Sable Offshore Corp.**

- purchase from Exxon Mobil Corporation of the Santa Ynez field in Federal waters offshore California and associated onshore processing and pipeline assets, including pipeline assets acquired by Exxon Mobil from Plains Pipeline L.P. and the merger with Flame Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition entity

## **King Ranch, Inc.**

- negotiation of a pore space lease and surface use agreement covering approximately 106,000 acres for the development of an industrial scale direct air capture carbon sequestration project in Kleberg County, Texas

## **Talos Low Carbon Solutions LLC**

- development of the Gulf Coast carbon capture and storage projects along the US Gulf Coast and Texas state waters in the Gulf of Mexico n/k/a Gulf of America, including the project offshore Jefferson County, Texas with a lease

from the Texas General Land Office as well as the projects with Freeport LNG and the Port of Corpus Christi

## **Aris Water Solutions, Inc.**

- acquisition of seven saltwater disposal wells and related infrastructure from Delaware Energy Services, LLC for approximately 3.37 million of Class A shares of Aris stock plus a small, volumetric-based contingent consideration paid over five years
- negotiation of long-term full cycle water management agreement with Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for properties located in the Permian Basin

## **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.

## **Sabalo Energy, LLC**

- sale of Midland Basin assets to Laredo Petroleum Inc. for \$606 million in cash and 2.507 million shares of Laredo's common stock
- divestiture of produced water gathering and recycling infrastructure assets in the Midland Basin to H2O Midstream LLC, including negotiation of long-term produced water gathering, disposal and recycling agreements

## **WaterBridge Resources LLC**

- \$125 million acquisition of produced water assets from PDC Energy, Inc. and negotiation of water services agreements
- acquisition of salt water disposal assets from NGL Energy Partners LP for \$238 million

## **GEP Haynesville, LLC**

- exchange of non-operating working interests located in the Haynesville Basin with Vine Oil & Gas LP
- upstream joint venture with a subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc. for the acquisition of an interest in and development of Williams' South Mansfield Assets in the Haynesville Shale

## **Parsley Energy Inc.**

- \$2.8 billion acquisition of certain entities holding undeveloped acreage and producing oil and gas properties in the core of the Midland Basin from Double Eagle Energy Permian LLC and certain of its affiliates consisting of approximately \$1.4 billion in cash and approximately 39.8 million units of Parsley Energy

## Credentials

### Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 2016
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A., 2012

### Bar Admissions

- Texas

### Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Houston Bar Association, LegalLines Co-Chair
- Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Volunteer

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## Recognition

### BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Energy Law, 2023 – 2025

### Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation*, Corporate & Securities, especially Energy & Infrastructure, 2023 – 2024

### The University of Texas School of Law

- *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law*, Editorial Board

### Houston Bar Association

- President's Award Recipient: 2018, 2021

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## Resources

### **Reeves County District Court Rules in Favor of Oil & Gas Operator in Produced Water Dispute**

Update

### **Surface vs. Mineral Owners: Texas Supreme Court Settles Salt Cavern Ownership Dispute**

Update

## **Storage Wars: Ownership of Subsurface Salt Cavern Storage Rights**

Update

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## **Publications & Speeches**

- “There’s Floodin’ Down in Texas,” *Oil & Gas Investor*, April 2020.
- “Mineral Transactions Require Careful Attention,” *Oil & Gas Investor, Who’s Who in Minerals*, January 2018.
- “Texas Affirms The Promise of Off-Site Drilling,” *Law360*, June 2017.