

Maritime, Oilfield & Insurance

We have more than 80 years of experience representing major and independent energy companies with operations in Texas, Louisiana, the Gulf of Mexico and around the world.

Overview

On the short list for onshore and offshore players across the entire oil and gas industry, including exploration and production companies, brown and blue water vessel operators, pipeline companies and shipbuilders, Liskow & Lewis lawyers have handled virtually every issue that could arise.

We maintain enduring relationships with clients that span generations, because we are always there when they are most vulnerable. When clients suffer a substantial casualty on land or water – ship collisions, well blowouts, explosions, spills or any other catastrophic accidents – Liskow & Lewis lawyers are ready to answer the call from anywhere in the world, at any time, in any time zone. We are prepared to immediately mobilize a diverse Emergency Response Team that will spearhead every aspect of your disaster relief efforts, including managing all insurance claims and serving as lead trial counsel in complex personal injury and property damage litigation throughout the country.

Our energy clients encounter the same challenges found in every other industry – growth obstacles, insurance coverage, contract disputes, financing, environmental regulations, white-collar crime, employment issues, plus many more – and we handle it all with a real-world cost containment approach you will not find at other firms. Our integrated service model, breadth of experience and strong reputation with industry peers enable us to streamline and accelerate every stage of your litigation or matter, and focus on the critical issues that will have a substantial impact on the outcome.

Our proven maritime, oilfield and insurance services include:

Oilfield Tort Claims

We represent oil companies in emergency response efforts and controversies related to drilling and completion accidents, well blowouts, reservoir damage, pipeline accidents and other oilfield tort claims.

Insurance

We counsel clients on all insurance matters impacting their energy, maritime and general business operations, including insurance requirements and certificates, and resolution of all controversies and litigation involving first-party property claims and coverage disputes.

Maritime Finance and Liens

Our lawyers have broad experience in ship construction financing, acquisition and refurbishment loans, offshore equipment leases, the prosecution and defense of vessel arrest and foreclosure proceedings, and the enforcement of preferred ship mortgages and all other types of U.S. and foreign maritime liens.

Offshore Contract Drafting

We guide clients through every phase of offshore contract negotiations, resolving conflicts that often result from the interaction of contracts with divergent laws across multiple jurisdictions. Our negotiation and drafting experience includes master service agreements, bareboat and time charters, flight service agreements, construction contracts and day work, footage and turnkey drilling contracts.

Offshore Drilling

After an offshore drilling contract is finalized, we continue to protect and support our clients by providing prompt advice on the application of contract provisions to a variety of disputes and emergencies, including blowouts, environmental disasters and mid-project contract terminations – and all types of drilling disputes in courts throughout the country.

Personal Injury

We manage high-exposure personal injury controversies before state and federal courts throughout the U.S., including Jones Act disputes, offshore and maritime claims, premises liability, occupational exposure and all types of environmental and toxic tort claims.

Vessel Collisions

We help clients along the Mississippi River and throughout the Gulf of Mexico in the recovery of property damage losses resulting from vessel collisions with fixed structures such as docks, loading terminals, breasting dolphins and platforms.

Vessel Construction and Repair Litigation

We obtain injunctive and monetary relief for clients in a broad range of tort and contract controversies concerning the construction, repair and modification of vessels, including claims arising from delay and/or disruption, unabsorbed overhead, breach of contract or warranty, termination for convenience, loss of use and lost profits.

Vessel Construction Contract Drafting and Review

We counsel vessel owners on all matters related to construction and repair contracts, including deal negotiations, financing procurement, vessel construction and operation, registry of vessels under the Jones Act or foreign registry regulations, vessel classification compliance and disputes with shipyards concerning construction quality, cost and delay issues, and force majeure issues arising from delivery delays.

Disaster Recovery

Our Emergency Response Team and extensive network of crisis responders and expert witnesses enable us to provide comprehensive representation to clients in all disaster-related personal injury and property damage claims, including catastrophic accidents, maritime issues, business interruptions, errors and omissions and general liability insurance issues.

Cargo Claims

We counsel owners, shippers and carriers in a variety of local and international cargo disputes involving substantial cargo shortage and damage.