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Overview

Jim Mansfield is a seasoned lawyer who focuses on the examination of titles for the drilling of oil and gas wells, as well as for real estate purchases and sales in Louisiana. He handles several phases of oil and gas mineral lease sales, purchases and divestitures on behalf of clients in oil-producing states, including Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Jim uses his extensive knowledge and experience in Louisiana property law matters – including litigation – to advise corporate counsel on Louisiana mineral law, law of sales and drafts instruments. In addition, he prepares curative title documents, counsels estate representatives in succession matters and has acted as a mediator in oil and gas disputes, relying on Liskow & Lewis' extensive title library for efficiency. Here are a couple of matters where the title library and Jim's experience came heavily into play:

- A regional oil company wanted to drill the then-deepest well in Louisiana, in the process creating a unit comprising thousands of acres. Jim handed the title work, leveraging Liskow's vast title library to quickly locate the titles for all of the landowners participating in the new well's production and to jumpstart the project.
- An E&P company new to Louisiana had an area in the southern part of the state that it wanted to explore for minerals. Jim received a call looking for a prior opinion for the first tract involved in the project, which resulted in 20 wells and expansion across the southern part of the parish - all relying on Liskow & Lewis' title opinions.

Involvement

Professional

- Lafayette Parish and Louisiana State Bar Associations - Member
- American Association of Professional Landmen - Member
- Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen - Member
- Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association - Member

Community

- St. Thomas More Catholic High School - School Board, Former President and Member

Practice Areas

Energy & Natural Resources Law
Energy Litigation

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1979

Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, J.D., 1979

- Order of the Coif
- *Louisiana Law Review*, Articles Editor, 1978 - 1979

Louisiana State University, M.A., 1976
University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1973

Recognition

- 2019 *Best Lawyers'* Energy Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- 2018 *Best Lawyers'* Natural Resources Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- *Acadiana Profile* "Top Lawyer" in Energy Law, Natural Resources Law, 2017-2019
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2007-2020
- 2015, 2017 *Best Lawyers'* Energy Law "Lawyer of the Year"

Presentations

Jim often speaks before professional organizations in which he's an active member. These include the American Association of Professional Landmen, the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen and the Louisiana Independent Oil & Gas Association.

Publications

Jim is a chapter contributor to the upcoming Louisiana Mineral Law Treatise, to be published by the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute. His chapter is titled "The Rule of Capture and the Creation of Mineral Rights."

After Hours

Jim is an accomplished photographer and avid traveler. For example, recent trips have included Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Greece, Hawaii and Alaska. He also loves to play golf.

News/Insights

NEWS

8.15.19

Fifty-Seven Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, BL Rankings, LLC, 2020 Edition

NEWS

4.18.19

Fifteen Liskow Lawyers Selected to *Acadiana Profile's* Top Lawyers

NEWS

8.15.18

Eight Liskow Attorneys named *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year" and Fifty-Two Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, BL Rankings, LLC, 2019

NEWS

4.6.18

Fourteen Liskow Lawyers Selected to *Acadiana Profile's* Top Lawyers

NEWS

8.16.17

Seven Liskow Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year" and Forty-Nine Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Woodward White, Inc.* 2018

NEWS

4.10.17

Twelve Liskow Lawyers Selected to *Acadiana Profile's* Top Lawyers

NEWS

8.15.16

Eight Liskow Attorneys named Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" and Fifty-One Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward White, Inc.

NEWS

8.17.15

Fifty Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward White, Inc.