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EXPERIENCE

Poe is co-chairman of the firm's Energy Practice Group and heads the firm's Western Lands and Energy Practice. His practice focuses on judicial and administrative litigation concerning natural resources development on federal and Indian lands. He has extensive experience in deepwater oil and gas operations and regulation, including leasing delays, permitting delays, and lease suspensions.

Prior to his private practice, Poe served as Assistant Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior, advising the Bureau of Land Management and the Minerals Management Service on their onshore and offshore energy programs, and MMS's Royalty Management Program on questions of royalty valuation. While with the Department, he authored or co-authored virtually all briefs filed in the federal courts on outer continental shelf issues, obtaining, among other things, two Supreme Court reversals of unfavorable Ninth Circuit decisions.

During and after his government service, Poe has been involved in many significant cases at the trial, appellate and Supreme Court levels regarding energy development. These include the Deepwater Royalty Relief Act decision in *Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Corp. v. Dep't of the Interior*, 554 F.3d 1082 (5th Cir. 2009), *cert. den.* 130 S. Ct. 236 (2009).

Poe is the author of a 2011 essay on improving the interior Department's issuance of OCS drilling permits. Entitled "*A Safer and Swifter BOEMRE*," it is available on the Fulbright website. Poe was flattered to see how utterly the essay was ignored.