

Omer F. “Rick” Kuebel, III

Partner

Rick Kuebel has extensive experience in oil, gas, and energy related bankruptcies and corporate restructuring solutions. Rick has represented numerous energy companies in business litigation, arbitration matters and regulatory disputes involving oil and gas exploration, development, transportation, refining and marketing. Rick has acted as counsel in numerous commercial disputes arising from offshore exploration projects including Macondo (Deepwater Horizon), Atlantis, Thunder Horse, Petronius, Mad Dog, West Delta and the Cook Inlet. Rick has represented numerous exploration and production companies with respect to regulatory disputes with BOEM, BSEE, and numerous state regulatory agencies.

He has represented major energy companies in a number of energy or energy-related industry restructurings and bankruptcies, including Lyondell Basell, SemCrude, Flying J, Enron (North America), Getty Petroleum Marketing, ATP, Black Elk Energy, Dune Energy, EOTT, Panaco, Contour Energy, TDC Energy, Virgin Oil/Offshore, Watson Energy, TransTexas Oil and Gas, Forcenergy, WRT, Alma and Equinox, Rand Energy, NARCO, AP Green, Farmland Industries, PG&E, Babcock and Wilcox, Bethlehem Steel, and Friede Goldman Halter. In addition, he has formed or represented unsecured creditor committees in a number of reorganizations including: Evans Industries, the Fairgrounds, WRT Energy, Jitney Jungle, Delchamps, Forcenergy, Friede Goldman Halter, Orion Refining, Lundy Enterprises, Valentine Paper and WFA (West Feliciana Paper Mill).

Rick also provides counseling for distressed transactions, including distressed asset acquisitions and divestitures, joint operations, regulatory implications, and other financial risks. Additionally, he represents creditors in commercial collection litigation, property litigation, enforcement of security rights and bankruptcy litigation.

Professional Affiliations and Awards

- Named to *Louisiana Super Lawyers* by *Law & Politics* magazine (2008-2016)
- Advisory Board Member, Institute for Energy Law
- Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- Member, Turnaround Management Association
- Named, *The Best Lawyers in America*, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law



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Practices

Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Insolvency
Energy
Energy Litigation
Energy/Environmental
Oil & Gas

Industry Groups

Energy

Education

J.D., Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, 1992

B.A., Economics, Tulane University, 1986

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1992

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (pro hac vice)



- Recognized for Bankruptcy/Restructuring in *Chambers USA, America’s Leading Lawyers for Business* (2010-2015)
- Named, Top Lawyer in New Orleans, Bankruptcy Section, *New Orleans Magazine* (2009-2014)

U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware (pro hac vice)
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi (pro hac vice)

Publications & Presentations

- Co-Author, “Cases and Strategies for Solvent Operators and Non-Operators,” 33rd Annual Advanced Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Conference, October 1, 2015
- Speaker, “Managing Financial Distress and Bankruptcy Consequences from a Midstream Perspective,” 14th Annual Gas and Power Institute Conference, September 10, 2015
- Speaker, “Caution to the Unwary: The Fallout to the Drilling Industry from the ATP Bankruptcy,” 2014 IADC Contracts & Risk Management Conference, October 15, 2014
- Bankruptcy Faculty, “RMMLF Short Course on Federal Offshore Oil & Gas Leasing and Development,” January 24, 2013
- Co-Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: Fifth Circuit Holds Payments Under Electric Requirements Contract Exempt from Preference Avoidance,” August 21, 2012
- Co-Author, “Locke Lord QuickStudy: Stern v. Marshall,” June 27, 2011
- Panelist, “Bankruptcy Issues for Today’s Litigators,” Institute for Energy Law 61st Annual Oil and Gas Law Conference, February 18, 2010
- Author, “Decommissioning/Plugging and Abandonment Liabilities in Bankruptcy: What Priority Should It Be Afforded?,” January 18, 2006