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# A Century of Experience that Runs from the Wellhead to Wall Street

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Explore how Vinson & Elkins' top-tier lawyers can skillfully guide you through the complexities of energy litigation.

## **National Energy Litigation Experience**

"Vinson & Elkins LLP offers outstanding representation in the most complex and high-stakes litigation in the oil and gas industry, with substantial prowess in multi-plaintiff and class action litigation arising from shale play development. A strong choice for clients facing challenging disputes involving joint CA development, joint operating and surface use agreements. Further strength advising on ownership, royalty payment and lease obligation issues in connection with mineral rights. Capable of representing clients across the life cycle of litigation, including at trial, appellate and Supreme Court levels."

### - Chambers USA 2025, Nationwide: Oil & Gas Litigation

"[The Vinson & Elkins Energy Litigation team] is a highly talented team that is thorough and works cohesively together[,] deeply understands the subject and [their] clients [, and] are pleasant, approachable, have a good turnaround, and are highly professional."

> - Legal 500 US 2025, Energy Litigation: Oil & Gas, Client Quotes

States in which the Energy Litigation team has appeared. МΤ ND SD WY IA

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54 Vinson & Elkins Attorneys listed as Leaders in Energy – Lawdragon 2025

A Law360 Energy Group of the Year (2021-2024) - Law360

#### #1 "Law Firm of the Year" in Energy Law

- Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" 2024

# **Recent Highlights**

Represented an oil and gas company in a complex contractual dispute over operatorship of over 300,000 acres and 1,800 wells; secured complete victory for client after six-day trial in bankruptcy court.

Following a more-than-two-month trial, obtained a takenothing jury verdict for oil and gas operator against \$100 million failure-to-develop and fraud claims brought by nonoperating working interest owners under a joint operating agreement.

After a three-week trial to the court, secured a \$280 million judgment in favor of Antero Treatment while defeating a \$118 million counterclaim; the Court found that the defendant fraudulently induced Antero into signing an agreement for the design, construction and operation of a facility for the treatment of produced and flowback water; the Court also found that Antero properly terminated the agreement after the defendant defaulted by failing to construct the facility according to the requirements of the contract.

Secured \$125 million judgment following a jury verdict for Huntsman Corporation in its contract dispute with gas supplier, Praxair, Inc.

Secured a jury verdict for \$97 million in damages on behalf of Antero Resources; the defendants failed to take delivery of natural gas under long-term sales agreements forcing Antero to sell the gas at a loss; under the contracts, Antero was entitled to cover damages, but the defendants claimed force majeure; in addition, the defendants filed a counterclaim seeking \$37 million in damages; following a two- week trial, the jury awarded Antero \$97 million in damages, rejected the force majeure defense and rejected the defendants counterclaims.



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