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Overview

Amy Gautreaux is an oil and gas attorney practicing in the firm's Lafayette office. She is a native of St. Martinville and life-long resident of Louisiana. Amy represents upstream energy companies operating in Louisiana. She routinely handles title projects for both major and independent oil and gas companies in unitized and lease basis prospects. Her work focuses on title examination (surface, mineral, royalty and leasehold), drafting title opinions and drafting and interpreting contractual provisions in oil and gas and related contracts. She is experienced in handling multi-Parish projects offshore and in various oil and gas formations and fields throughout Louisiana, including the Cotton Valley, Haynesville, Austin Chalk, Cris R, Burrwood and West Delta Fields. She is skilled in analyzing HBP title involving complicated mineral servitude and mineral royalty ownership interests. Amy regularly advises clients on lease maintenance issues including interpretation of depth severance provisions, Pugh clause provisions, rental payment and royalty obligations and issues arising out of usufructuary and co-ownership interests.

Prior to joining the firm, Amy practiced in the areas of insurance defense, law enforcement liability defense, real estate, family and general business law. She has successfully represented clients in various matters in workers compensation court and in several district courts throughout Louisiana. Amy also has experience working as an abstractor and landman in South Louisiana. This practical experience provides a unique perspective from which to advise Louisiana oil and gas clients.

Amy is active in the administration of the firm, serving on its Marketing Committee and mentoring firm associates.

Practices

Industries

- Oil, Gas and Energy Regulatory
- Oil, Gas and Energy Transactions
- Title Services
- Energy and Natural Resources

Admissions

- Louisiana
- Texas

Education

- LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, J.D., Bachelor of Civil Law 2005
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette, B.A. *magna cum laude* 2002

Experience

- Oil and gas title examination – onshore and offshore
- Advices regarding lease acquisition and maintenance
- Complex mineral servitude analysis and opinions
- Communitization Agreements with USA Bureau of Land Management, State of Louisiana and private parties
- Oil and gas royalty accounting issues
- Oil and gas revenue and expense accounting issues
- Ownership of waterbottoms
- Surface and subsurface rights issues in drilling directional and/or horizontal wells
- Regulatory issues with the State of Louisiana, Office of Conservation and Office of Mineral Resources

Affiliations

- American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL)
- Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen (LAPL)
- Baton Rouge Association of Professional Landmen (BRAPL)
- Houston Association of Professional Landmen (HAPL)
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Lafayette Parish Bar Association
- Women's Energy Network, Member (current), Public & Industry Relations Director (2016 – 2018)

- University of Louisiana, Lafayette Alumni Association
- LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Alumni Association
- Healing House – Martinis Committee Member (current) and Board of Directors Member (2018-2019)
- Love, INC – Board of Directors Member (2015-2017)

Recognition

- Selected to *Acadiana Profile Magazine's* "Top Lawyers" List – Oil & Gas Law, 2021
- Selected to Ones to Watch, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021
- Selected to Louisiana Super Lawyers – Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers* (Thomson Reuters), 2017 – 2018

Publications

- *Recent Developments on Interrupting Prescription of Non-Use of a Mineral Servitude*, Drill Deeper Blog (April 2017)
- *Louisiana's Law of Reversionary Mineral Interests Revisited*, Drill Deeper Blog (December 2016)
- *Unitization in Louisiana – The Commissioner Decides Who Drinks the Milkshake* Co-Presenter and Co-Author- Gordon Arata Annual Duck Lunch and Seminar (October 2016)
- *Lease Division in Louisiana – The Times Are A-Changin'*, Drill Deeper Blog (August 2016)
- *Louisiana Water Bottoms and the 'Freeze Statute'*, Drill Deeper Blog (June 2016)
- *An Overview of Louisiana's Law on Non-Compete*, Drill Deeper Blog (March 7, 2016)
- *Louisiana Legal Update: Louisiana Water Bottoms and the 'Freeze Statute'* Co-Author, LAPL Newsletter, November 2015
- *A Snapshot of Louisiana's Risk-Fee Statute*, Drill Deeper Blog (October 2015)
- *The Art of Due Diligence*, Co-Presenter and Co-Author, LAPL Spring Educational Seminar, 2015
- *The Cost of FRACKLOGGING*, Drill Deeper Blog (June 2015)
- *Say What You Mean, and Mean What You Say – A Review of Recent Decisions Interpreting Mineral Reservations Under Louisiana Mineral Code Article 74*, Drill Deeper Blog (March 2015)
- *Potato, Potahto, Tomato, Tomahto, Let's Call the Whole Thing Off!! Act 544 and The SLFPA-East*, Drill Deeper Blog (November 2014)
- *A Closer Look at Clovelly – A Common Sense Approach*, Drill Deeper Blog (May 30, 2014)