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**Experience**

- *Judicial and administrative litigation concerning natural resources development on federal and Indian lands*
- *Obtaining and operating leases on federal and Indian lands*
- *False Claims Act*

**Industries**

- *Energy and Utilities*

**L. Poe Leggette**  
**Partner**

**AREAS OF CONCENTRATION**

- Litigation

**EXPERIENCE**

Poe Leggette joined the Washington, D.C., office of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. as a partner in 1998. He is co-chairman of the firm's Energy Practice Group. His practice involves judicial and administrative litigation concerning natural resources development on federal and Indian lands. He regularly counsels oil and gas and mining companies on obtaining and operating leases on federal and Indian lands. He also defends oil and gas companies accused of violating the False Claims Act. Additionally, Mr. Leggette counsels companies on compliance with offshore safety and environmental requirements and on insurance and indemnity issues in offshore operations.

Most recently, Mr. Leggette has spoken on legal issues facing American companies re-entering Libya in conferences in Valleta, Malta, and Tripoli, Libya. He has also presented at conferences in Vancouver, St. John's and Halifax on the policy and history of the American offshore energy program for Canadian government and business leaders.

Prior to his private practice, Mr. Leggette served as Assistant Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior. 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. Since leaving government service, he has been involved in many significant cases at the trial, appellate and Supreme Court levels.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Trustee
- American Bar Association

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

- Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America
- Best Lawyers in America
- Chambers & Partners, USA., Energy & Natural Resources Practice Field in the District of Columbia

**PUBLICATIONS**

- "Toward an Energy Ethic" (revised), publication pending in the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Journal, 2006, and in the Texas State Bar Energy Section Newsletter (Dec. 2005)

**BIOGRAPHY: L. Poe Leggette**

- Co-authored with Bret Sumner and Rena Scheinkman, ["Interior Board of Land Appeals Rejects Petition to Stay Exploratory Well Project and Pipeline Upgrade on Federal Lands in Carbon County, Utah,"](#) *Legal Update*, December 2004
- ["National Energy Policy -- 10 Things I Hate About You,"](#) *National Oil & Gas Royalty Conference*, November 3, 2004
- ["Law Governing the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf,"](#) *Second Annual Pacific Canada and North Coast Offshore Oil & Gas Development Summit*, March 31, 2004
- Co-authored with Bret Sumner and Rena Scheinkman, ["Federal District Court Judge Rejects Environmentalists' Challenge of Oil and Gas Exploration Project in Utah; Holds BLM's Permit Complied with NEPA, NHPA, and FLPMA,"](#) *Legal Update*, August 2004
- "Oil and Gas on the Continental Shelf: The US Experience, Half a Century in Half an Hour," 4th Annual North East Oil and Gas Summit, Nova Scotia, May 2004
- ["Toward an Energy Ethic,"](#) *Petroleum Accounting and Financial Management Journal*, April 2004
- "The Framework of Private Law for the United States Outer Continental Shelf: Regimes for Contract, Tort and Property," 2nd Annual Pacific Canada and North Coast Offshore Oil & Gas Development, British Columbia, March 2004
- Co-authored with Daniel McClure and David Deal, ["No Lack of Litigation Over Oil and Gas Royalties,"](#) *The National Law Journal*, Mar. 15, 2004
- ["A Tale of Three Circuits: Pitfalls at the Leasing Stage,"](#) *Roads and Roadblocks to Increased Production on Federal Lands*, February 25, 2004
- "Sources of Private Law Governing the United States Outer Continental Shelf," 3rd Annual Atlantic Canada Oil & Gas Summit, Newfoundland, Sept. 2003
- "Fundamentals of the Law of the OCS," 54th Annual Program on Oil and Gas Law, Center for American and International Law, Feb. 2003
- "Trends in Energy Litigation," 27 *Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law* 84 (State Bar of Texas Dec. 2002)
- ["The Emerging New National Energy Policy,"](#) November 2002
- Co-author with Dimitri Seletzky, "The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Turns Fifty: A Premature Look at the First Half-Century of the OCSLA," *Oil and Gas Development on the Outer Continental Shelf*, Paper No. 1, Page 1, Rocky Mt. Min. L. Fdn., 2002

- Co-authored with Nancy Pell & Juanita Greenfield, "The Role of Domestic Production in a National Energy Policy," 21 *Petroleum Accounting & Financial Mgmt.* Journal No. 1, 2002
- Co-authored with Nancy Pell and Juanita Greenfield, "The Role of Domestic Production in U.S. National Energy Policy," 2002 *Int'l Oil & Gas Fin. Rev.* 123, 2002
- "The Tenth Circuit Holds That a Six-Year Statute of Limitations Applies to the Department of Interior's Orders to Pay." *Oil & Gas Energy Res. Law Report*, Texas Bar Assoc., Dec. 2001
- Co-authored with Nancy Pell and Juanita Greenfield, "An Energy Encore for America's Public Lands," 2001 *Int'l Oil & Gas Fin. Rev.* 117-120 (2001)

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

1977 - J.D., University of Virginia

1974 - B.A., *magna cum laude*, Tufts University

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Representing *pro bono* U.S. veterans in matters before the Board of Veterans Appeals and the United States Court of Veterans Appeals.

*Houston*  
*New York*  
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