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FIRM RESUME

Bode & Werner, PLLC, has developed its multistate practice to meet the legal needs of the oil and gas industry. Our Firm is actively involved in rendering Title Opinions covering properties throughout Texas, Colorado, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and we have the experience needed to provide the oil and gas industry with quality legal counsel for its operations and asset management. Our extensive experience representing clients in the oil and gas exploration business runs the gamut from conducting title examination, rendering opinions, conducting due diligence in the acquisition of producing properties and counseling clients on transactional matters.

Our extensive background and culture reflects experience drawn from all facets of the industry. A number of the Firm's attorneys have served in both land and legal departments of large independent producers and have extensive experience in leasehold acquisition, transactional matters related to the operation of producing properties, and in the acquisition and divestiture of producing properties and pipeline systems. Many of the Firm's attorneys have a land background, having worked in the field as landmen running records, constructing runsheets and acquiring leases.

As a result of the depth of our background, we are able to work more closely with in-house and field landmen to prepare a thorough and accurate Opinion within the parameters of the client's needs. We do not believe in the "Ivory Tower" approach in dealing with title issues. We strive to write our Opinions in a manner such that the in-house and field landmen can pick up our Opinions, understand the issues and obtain practical advice on curative requirements. We truly enjoy what we are doing, and this is reflected in our work and interactions with clients. We believe we have created an environment where our clients will want to work with us.

We are dedicated to our client's goals and focused on finding a highly cost-effective and efficient solution to meet their needs. Our Firm is small enough to give the client the effectiveness of a one-on-one relationship, and at the same time, we are large enough that we can quickly allocate our resources to meet the deadlines that are all too common in this industry.

John Bode

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1992, the State Bar of North Dakota, 2011, the State Bar of Colorado, 2011, and the State Bar of Ohio, 2013. Legal education - University of Houston Law Center - J.D., 1992. Undergraduate education- University of Houston, B.A., Political Science, 1989. Member - State Bar of Texas: Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Law Section and Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Sections; Houston Bar Association: Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section; the Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen; State Bar of North Dakota: Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section; State Bar of Ohio and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. Formerly an Independent Landman, a Solo Practitioner and Associate Attorney at the Sadler Law Firm, LLP.

Keith B. Werner

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1978, and is an inactive member of the State Bar of North Dakota, 2010. Legal education - South Texas College of Law - J.D., 1978. Undergraduate education - Louisiana Tech University, B.A., 1972. Member - State Bar of Texas: Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Law Section; the Houston Association of Professional Landmen; and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. Formerly Land Manager and V.P. Land & Legal for Prudential Oil & Gas, Diamond South Energy, Saratoga Resources, and formerly associated with Boyer, Ewing & Harris and the Sadler Law Firm, LLP.

**Christopher T.
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Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 2005, Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization – Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Certified Professional Landman; Admitted to the State Bar of Pennsylvania, 2022; Admitted to the State Bar of Oklahoma, 2023; Admitted to the State Bar of New Mexico, 2024; and admitted to Practice as an Attorney before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Legal education - University of Houston Law Center - J.D., 2005. Preparatory education - Texas A&M University, B.S., Engineering, 1998. Member - State Bar of Texas: Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources Law Section; Houston Bar Association: Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section; the American Association of Petroleum Landmen; and the Houston Association of Professional Landmen. Formerly an Independent Landman; Associate Attorney at the Sadler Law Firm PLLC; and an in-house attorney and landman for Sanchez Oil & Gas Corporation.

Jamie Budnick

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 2005, and is an inactive member of the State Bar of Ohio, 2013, the State Bar of Kansas, 2012, the State Bar of Nebraska, 2013, the State Bar of North Dakota, 2013, and the State Bar of Arkansas, 2014. Legal education – South Texas College of Law – J.D., 2005. Undergraduate education – Sam Houston State University, B. A., 2002. Member – State Bar of Texas. Formerly an Independent Landman, Associate Attorney at Labanowski & Associates, and Senior Attorney at Kilburn Law Firm, PLLC.

Anne Bullen

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1997. Experience in the oil and gas industry since graduating from law school in 1996, as a field landman, in-house counsel to a small independent, an oil and gas title attorney in private practice and a minerals manager for a large institutional mineral owner. Graduated from Rice University in 1992 with a BA in French and Political Science and earned her JD from Vanderbilt Law School in 1996. She began her career as an oil and gas title attorney with Kilburn, Jones, Gill & Campbell, LLP, in 1999. In 2002, she joined the firm of Randall K. Sadler & Associates, P.C., where she first practiced with John Bode and Keith Werner. In 2007, she returned to Kilburn, Jones & Gill, LLP to oversee the title section. In 2008, she joined The Kilburn Law Firm, PLLC, as Manager of the Title Section, which, at its peak, consisted of 95 attorneys. Member of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association, the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the Houston Bar Association, and the Houston Association of Professional Landmen.

Jo Ann Rothfelder

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1979. Legal education - University of Houston - J.D., 1979, where she was an editor of the Law Review in 1979. Undergraduate education- University of Texas, Bachelor of Journalism, 1976. Member - State Bar of Texas: Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section. Formerly a Solo Practitioner.

SUPPORT STAFF

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Paralegal with over 25 years’ experience with oil and gas law, general litigation and bankruptcy law practices. Skilled in all aspects of administrative and paralegal duties for solo practitioners and law firms.

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