

Oil and Gas M&A Partner Rahul Vashi Joins Gibson Dunn in Houston

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is pleased to announce that Rahul Vashi has joined the firm as a partner in the Houston office, where Rahul will serve as Co-Chair of the firm's Oil and Gas Practice Group. "We are excited to welcome Rahul to the firm," said Michael P. Darden, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Oil and Gas Practice Group. "Having worked across from him on a number of complex transactions, I have been impressed not only with Rahul's technical skills and creative problem solving, but also with his proficiency in the substantive oil and gas field and in energy M&A, including in the carbon capture and sequestration area, which is a growing practice within our firm. He is a fantastic addition to, and will be a valuable leader for, our global oil and gas group." "We are thrilled to have Rahul on board," said Hillary H. Holmes, Co-Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Houston office. "He is a natural fit for our Houston based team and the complex energy transactions we are regularly handling. I am proud of the incredible team we have built in Houston, and Rahul's addition will further strengthen our impressive corporate bench in Texas and firmwide." "Gibson Dunn has a stellar reputation in the market. The firm is known for its collegiality and exceptional client service," said Rahul. "I am looking forward to working with my new colleagues to continue the success of the firm's preeminent oil and gas practice." Rahul's arrival builds upon substantial growth in the firm's corporate team in Houston, including with private equity partners Michael Piazza and Jesse Myers, capital markets partner Cynthia Mabry, investment funds partner James Hays, and bankruptcy partner Chad Nichols. Rahul is also the latest addition to Gibson Dunn's energy practices, which span offices in the U.S., London, Asia, and the Middle East. Over the past several months, the firm has also invested in these practices with the opening of an office in Abu Dhabi and the addition of partners Renad Younes, Samuel Ogunlaja, and Laleh Shahabi there, along with Marwan Elaraby and Jade Chu in Dubai. **About Rahul Vashi** Rahul's practice focuses on M&A in the energy industry, with an emphasis on acquisitions, divestitures, and joint ventures involving the upstream and midstream oil and gas industry. He has substantial experience in the formation of drilling partnerships, joint development arrangements, farmout and participation agreements, and other joint venture arrangements, the acquisition and divestiture of oil and gas assets and companies, mergers of companies, oil and gas special situations and alternative financing transactions. Rahul received his J.D. from the New York University School of Law in 2010. **About Gibson Dunn's Oil and Gas Practice Group** Gibson Dunn's Oil and Gas Practice Group advises the world's leading oil and gas exploration, development and production companies, oil-field services and equipment companies, pipeline and other midstream companies, and downstream entities. The firm also represents financial institutions, private equity firms and government entities active in the oil and gas sector. Our internationally recognized team brings multidisciplinary, multijurisdictional knowledge and experience to a full spectrum of oil and gas assignments. The lawyer in the group are experienced in handling legal and business issues across all segments of the oil and gas value chain. These include upstream exploration and production (conventional, unconventional, onshore and offshore); midstream (gathering, storage, transportation and processing); downstream (storage, refining, marketing and petrochemicals); oilfield services; LNG; and infrastructure.

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