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Derek Speck's practice focuses on matters related to corporate and securities, energy and oil and gas. He counsels clients in corporate formation, mergers and acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, securities offerings, corporate restructurings and private equity transactions, including investors and funds in the structuring of equity investments and fund formation. Derek also has experience in the upstream and midstream sectors.

Prior to practicing law, Derek was an auditor with a major natural resources company.

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Experience

Entity affiliated with GeoSouthern Energy Corp.

- upstream joint venture with a subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc. for the acquisition of an interest in and development of Williams' South Mansfield Assets in the Haynesville Shale

Sixth Street

- \$700 million acquisition of equity interests in joint venture owning various energy products pipelines and related logistics assets

Cornerstone Building Brands, Inc.

- acquisition of Prime Window Systems, LLC

Holly Energy Partners, L.P.

- formation of a 50/50 joint venture, Cushing Connect Pipeline & Terminal LLC, with Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. for the purpose of owning and operating a crude oil terminal in Cushing, Oklahoma and constructing, owning and operating a crude oil pipeline from Cushing, Oklahoma to Tulsa, Oklahoma

Sol Systems, LLC

- joint venture with Capital Dynamics for the formation of Sol Customer Solutions, which will provide large pools of institutional capital direct exposure to the US distributed generation market

Apache Corporation

- creation of \$3.5 billion midstream company with Kayne Anderson Acquisition Corp., forming the only publicly traded, pure-play Permian Basin midstream company that is a C-corporation
- strategic partnership with EPIC Midstream Holdings, LP and Noble Energy Inc. to develop the EPIC Crude Oil Pipeline, including transportation service agreements, tariffs and related regulatory matters
- formation of SCM Alpine, LLC, which will own and operate a greenfield NGL y-grade pipeline, including transportation service agreements, tariffs and related regulatory matters

Kinder Morgan, Inc.

- final investment decision between Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline LLC, DCP Midstream, LP and an affiliate of Targa Resources to proceed with the \$1.7 billion Gulf Coast Express Pipeline Project, designed to transport 1.92 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas

Phillips 66

- option agreement pursuant to which DCP Midstream LP acquired an option to purchase up to a 30 percent ownership interest in Phillip 66's new fractionators under construction at its expanded Sweeny Hub

Holly Energy Partners, L.P.

- \$250 million acquisition from Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. of the 50 percent and 75 percent interest in Frontier Aspen LLC and SLC Pipeline LLC, respectively, that Holly Energy Partners does not already own

Castleton Commodities International LLC

- equity investment by Tokyo Gas America Ltd. in a subsidiary of Castleton Commodities International, Castleton Resources LLC, which owns upstream oil and gas assets in East Texas

Credentials

Education

- University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D., 2010, *highest honors*
- University of Tulsa Collins College of Business, M.B.A., 2010
- Tulane University, B.S., 2006

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Affiliations

- Houston Bar Association
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Recognition

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Corporate Law, 2023 – 2025
- *Best Lawyers*, Energy Law, 2021 – 2022, 2024 – 2025

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers in America*, Corporate & Securities, Especially Energy, 2024 – 2025

University of Tulsa College of Law

- *Tulsa Law Review*, Editor
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Publications & Speeches

- “Earnout Provisions: Drafting and Disputes,” ACC Houston Symposium, August 15, 2024.