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During his 48 year career at Bracewell, Dan Witschey has focused on providing thoughtful, practical advice to companies, their boards of directors, and committees. Adept in both the mergers and acquisitions and securities arenas, Dan also regularly counsels on corporate governance matters and fiduciary duties. He is an elected Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel, a professional, educational, and honorary association of lawyers recognized for their achievements in the field of governance.

In addition to practicing law, for the last decade Dan has also been active in writing it as Secretary of the ABA's 25-member Corporate Laws Committee. That Committee drafts and revises the Model Business Corporation Act, which has been substantially adopted as the corporation law of 34 states and is widely acknowledged as the most influential corporation statute in the U.S. after Delaware's General Corporation Law.

An avid musician, Dan is also the principal double bass of the Houston Civic Symphony, Houston's oldest amateur orchestra.

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Experience

Special Committee of Western Gas Partners, LP

- \$750 million acquisition of Springfield Pipeline LLC from affiliates of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- acquisition of Delaware Basin JV Gathering LLC from affiliates of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

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- sale of \$750 million of Class C Units to affiliates of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in connection with WES's acquisition of Nuevo Midstream
- \$490 million acquisition of interests in two gas gathering systems in the Marcellus Shale from affiliates of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- \$600 million acquisition of assets in the Green River Basin and an interest in Chipeta from affiliates of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Kinder Morgan, Inc.

- \$70 billion acquisition of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., Kinder Morgan Management, LLC, and El Paso Pipeline Partners, L.P.
- \$6.2 billion sale of an interest in Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America
- \$2 billion secondary offering of common stock
- \$3.2 billion initial public offering

Conflicts Committee of QR Energy LP

- \$3 billion acquisition by Breitburn Energy Partners LP

Lufkin Industries, Inc.

- \$3.3 billion acquisition by General Electric Co.

Credentials

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1975
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S., 1972

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Corporate Laws Committee
- American College of Governance Counsel, Fellow
- State Bar of Texas, Business Law Section
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

Recognition

The Legal 500 United States

- M&A, 2008; Energy Transaction and Regulatory, 2011

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, Corporate Law, 1987 – 2025
- *Best Lawyers*, Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2023 – 2025

Thomson Reuters

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2003 – 2004; 2007 – 2011
- *Super Lawyers*, Corporate Counsel Edition, 2009

The University of Texas School of Law

- *Texas Law Review*, Note and Comment Editor, 1974 – 1975