

Bracewell Beefs Up Energy Practice With 4 Promotions

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Law360 (January 7, 2022, 3:00 PM EST) -- Houston-based Bracewell LLP announced the promotion of four new partners in four different offices this week who all represent energy clients.

The newly promoted attorneys began as Bracewell partners this week and are spread out across offices in San Antonio, Houston, London and Washington, D.C., the firm announced Jan. 5. Last year, the firm promoted five new partners who were all based in Texas.

"I am thrilled to welcome these outstanding lawyers to our partnership," Bracewell managing partner Gregory Bopp said in a statement. "They embody a commitment to excellence and collaboration that allow us to be a firm of choice for the complex litigation, regulatory and transactional needs of our clients."

Bopp wasn't immediately available for comment Friday.

Bracewell claims to have "one of the largest dedicated energy teams of any law firm in the world," according to its website, so all the new partners have represented the industry.

Amber Dodds is a labor and employment lawyer who has worked for nine years at Bracewell's San Antonio office. Though her list of clients include a Texas county, an automobile dealership and a cybersecurity firm, she also successfully represented a national energy production company in opposing class certification in a Fair Labor Standards Act suit, according to her firm profile.

The three other hires almost exclusively dedicate their practice to representing the energy industry.

Patrick Johnson in Houston advises energy clients on mergers and acquisitions, divestments, joint venture agreements and project finance, according to his firm profile. Prior to joining Bracewell, he worked in-house for Exxon Mobil Corp.

Both he and Dodds are graduates of the University of Texas School of Law.

Robert Meade in London represents oil and gas, power and renewables clients in international disputes. He joined Bracewell in 2018 after nine years at the London-headquartered firm Ashurst LLP, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Brittany Pemberton in Washington, D.C., advises energy and industrial clients on environmental policy

and regulatory matters including those dealing with the Clean Air Act. She has been a Bracewell attorney for eight years and spent time externing for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of the Interior prior to that, according to her LinkedIn profile.

The four new partners are with a law firm that is growing with lateral hires, as well. Bracewell said in a statement Wednesday that it hired 18 partners and senior principals from other firms, companies and government offices in 2021.

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