

## Former Baker Hughes CLO Joins Bracewell's Houston Office

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*Law360 (April 21, 2021, 3:19 PM EDT)* -- Bracewell LLP announced Wednesday the chief legal officer for Baker Hughes Company, William Marsh, has joined the law firm as of counsel.

Houston-based Bracewell said Marsh will serve in the firm's corporate and securities group and advise public and private companies on various transactional and corporate governance issues, including environmental, social and governance, or ESG, matters.



William D. Marsh

Marsh told Law360 Pulse he has interacted with people from Bracewell throughout his career and was very impressed with the employees at the firm.

"I'm also really excited about what Bracewell is doing in the ESG area, and ... it was something that we really started to get into at Baker Hughes and something that I really took a personal interest in," Marsh said. "Bracewell is doing some fantastic things in the ESG area and helping their clients, and I am looking forward to getting involved in that area, as well as continuing in the corporate finance and transactional area where I was focused most of my career."

Marsh added he will assist the firm with its ESG work with both the traditional oil and gas sector and the renewable energy space, including those working with solar and wind technology.

Marsh began at Baker Hughes in 1998 as internal counsel and rose to the position of general counsel in 2013 before becoming chief legal officer in 2017, Bracewell said in a news release. During his time at the energy company, Marsh oversaw several large transactions, including the 2017 merger of Baker Hughes Incorporated and GE Oil & Gas, along with Baker Hughes' \$6.9 billion acquisition of BJ Services in 2011.

Marsh knows firsthand the challenges facing in-house counsel and his experience will strengthen the firm's ability to serve the needs of its corporate clients, Bracewell Managing Partner Gregory M. Bopp said in a statement.

Marsh, who graduated from J. Rueben Clark Brigham Young University Law School, formerly worked as a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP and as an associate at Jones Day in the earlier years of his career, according to his LinkedIn profile.

G. Alan Rafte, head of Bracewell's business and regulatory section, said in a statement Marsh has overseen some of the most significant transactions in the oil field services sector.

"His deep knowledge of the energy industry, combined with his understanding of the inner workings of a corporate legal department, gives him a unique perspective that clients will find invaluable," Rafte said.

Bracewell, an international law firm headquartered in Houston, is a law and government relations firm that focuses on the energy, infrastructure, finance and technology industries worldwide.

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