

## Troutman Pepper Energy Regulatory Duo Jumps to Bracewell

Catherine Little and Annie Cook, now partners in Bracewell's Washington, D.C., office, bring their pipeline safety practice to the Houston-founded firm, adding to its large energy regulatory practice.

**BY BRENDA SAPINO JEFFREYS**

Attracted to Bracewell's expansive oil and gas regulatory practice, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders partners Catherine Little and Annie Cook joined the Texas-founded firm as energy regulatory partners in Washington, D.C.

"Bracewell is really a market leader—one of the world's leading oil and gas regulatory practices. We felt like this was a perfect platform," Little said.

Their practice aligns with Bracewell's strength in the energy sector, she said.

"We are now at a firm that substantially, geographically and strategically can provide our clients with an expanded platform," she said.

Little and Cook joined Bracewell on Friday, bringing their pipeline safety practice to the Am Law 200 firm. They advise oil and gas pipeline companies on regulatory compliance and enforcement defense, counsel on litigation strategy, and conduct confidential investigations and compliance audits to help clients identify legal risks and prepare defenses for pipeline safety enforcement matters.

Mark Lewis, managing partner of Bracewell's Washington, D.C., office, wrote in a press release that Little and Cook are a "perfect addition" to the firm's pipeline team, because of increasing federal oversight and compliance



Courtesy photos

**Annie Cook, left, and Catherine Little, right, partners with Bracewell in Washington, D.C.**

requirements for oil, natural gas and carbon dioxide and for pipelines that transport other products, including hydrogen.

Little and Cook declined to identify their clients, but Cook said they represent some of the country's largest gas pipelines, along with terminals and liquefied natural gas facilities.

Their move, Cook said, coincides with the industry's emphasis on energy transition, so the timing is good.

A spokesperson for Troutman Pepper did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the departures.