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According to the 2008 year-end **Chambers and Partners** guide, Bracewell has “*one of the top oil and gas finance practices around.*”

"This brilliant group's expertise in the natural gas and LNG sectors combines the regulatory, commercial and finance acumen in its Texas and Washington, DC offices to provide well-rounded industry counsel. In regulatory, legislative, compliance and enforcement matters, lawyers work alongside the firm's white-collar crime and compliance teams to monitor developments at FERC, the CFTC and the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The firm's energy trading capability is a drawing card for blue-chip clients and the energy trading divisions of investment banks and financial institutions, and in energy dispute matters the Texas commercial litigation group tackles antitrust, oil and gas and securities matters and hydrocarbon patent and IP claims. Interviewees praised its " *great understanding of the history and people in the natural gas regulatory environment.*"

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Bracewell's Energy Practice

Bracewell & Giuliani represents domestic and international energy industry clients in matters related to operations, finance, restructuring, governmental regulation, tax, environment, governance, litigation and strategic communications. We counsel developers, operators and suppliers in the deregulated United States electric energy industry, many of which have a growing focus on renewable energy. We also represent clients engaged in upstream, midstream and downstream oil and gas business transactions across the U.S., Europe, the North and Caspian Sea Regions, and Latin America.

Our clients include many of the best known publicly traded companies in the industry, as well as mid-size and smaller privately owned businesses. These businesses include companies involved in onshore and offshore oil and gas exploration and production, pipeline companies, refiners and service companies, as well as electricity-generating companies and power marketers.

Bracewell has particular strength in the area of energy finance. We have relationships with a number of major financial institutions that focus on the energy industry. We are also known for our energy regulatory work, in sectors that range from gas and electric power to renewable energy to upstream oil and gas. Bracewell's regulatory attorneys have extensive experience in the development of gas pipeline, power generation and transmission, and petroleum-refining infrastructure projects.

Our energy practice draws upon the firm's full global resources in all areas of business law. We assist clients in:

- negotiation of exploration and development agreements
- acquisition and sale of oil, gas and electricity assets
- construction and installation of pipelines, refineries, hydrocarbon-processing facilities and electric-generating facilities
- marketing and distribution of oil, gas, electricity and derivative products
- preparation of financing arrangements, from traditional debt and equity to asset-based structures secured by production payments, synthetic leases and forward-sales contracts.