

Skadden opened its Houston office in 1993. The office principally services clients in the energy, financial and petrochemical industries in commercial and corporate transactions, as well as in all types of litigation and investigations. Our three practice groups — Energy and Infrastructure, Corporate and Litigation — often work together on matters to provide integrated service to clients, coordinating with resources in other Skadden offices as appropriate.

Our Houston Energy and Infrastructure Projects practice focuses on power plants, chemical plants, pipelines, LNG facilities, energy commodity sales, and upstream oil and gas investments. Attorneys in the Houston office work on developing, financing, buying and selling projects located in the United States and abroad, often with multiple owners and innovative financing structures. Skadden's worldwide project finance practice includes lawyers located in the United States, Europe and Asia, with experience in more than 40 countries. Attorneys from the Houston office have participated in many exciting developments as the energy industry has restructured. Our clients include, among others, utilities, developers, investors, contractors, operators, investment banks and financial institutions that are active in the energy and equity markets.

Attorneys in the Corporate Group concentrate on mergers and acquisitions, private equity, public and private securities offerings, and corporate governance and compliance matters. We advise buyers, sellers and financial advisors in connection with negotiated corporate transactions, including mergers, stock and asset purchases, and leveraged buyouts, as well as contested transactions, such as tender offers, proxy fights and other transactions involving changes

in corporate control. We have significant experience representing committees of boards of directors in conflict situations. We also represent underwriters and issuers in public and private financings. A significant portion of our corporate representations involve energy companies, including acquisitions and sales of oil and gas producers, service companies, midstream companies, including MLPs, and downstream companies. We also advise clients and boards of directors on corporate governance, accountability and liability issues.

Our Litigation Group handles securities litigation and other sophisticated commercial disputes in Texas and throughout the United States. We have honed our reputation in litigation involving cutting-edge legal issues and major business transactions of national significance. Our attorneys focus on PSLRA class actions, shareholder derivative litigation, class actions, financial services litigation, fiduciary litigation, government investigations and internal investigations. We also advise clients on corporate governance matters and help them develop strategies to execute transactions and carry out their business models. Our Litigation Group also has an active appellate practice.