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Oil + Gas

From exploration to distribution, Miller Canfield's lawyers in North America and Poland can assist clients in lease transactions, operating agreements, business organization, regulatory compliance, environmental, real estate and litigation relating to oil and gas matters.

Representative clients include oil companies, mining enterprises, refineries, distributors and landowners. Our experience includes oil and gas leases, mineral rights, exploration issues, downstream distribution and termination, bankruptcy, corporate formation, mergers and acquisitions and complex royalty disputes.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **Oil Company Royalty Dispute**
Defended major oil company in a dispute concerning royalty payments relative to natural gas and condensate production spanning a number of years. Obtained federal court dismissal of the action.
- **Energy Company Back Royalty Payments/Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection**
Represented an energy company that leased significant natural gas rights to another energy company that filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. At stake was almost \$2 million in back royalty payments under the lease. The court held that under Michigan law the oil and gas lease was indeed a lease under the Bankruptcy Code, entitling the client to all past due royalty payments before the debtor could continue extracting natural gas.
- **Leaseholder Protection**
Represented landowners of hydrocarbon producing acreage in renegotiating lease terms, bonuses, shut-in and defined use provisions.