

## Akin Gump Lands Haynes & Boone Energy Deals Pro

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Law360, New York (October 19, 2011, 6:55 PM ET) -- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has added former Haynes and Boone LLP energy and transactions partner Thomas McCaffrey to its Houston office, the firm revealed Wednesday.

McCaffrey represents companies in mergers, acquisitions, private equity transactions and energy-related matters, according to Akin Gump.

"Tom is a great addition to our team," said Jim Rice, head of Akin Gump's energy and global transactions practice. "His deep set of skills and considerable experience in a broad array of industries, including the energy industry, make him a tremendous asset to our clients."

McCaffrey said he was attracted by Akin Gump's stellar reputation in the energy, capital markets and private equity areas. He's joining an established and strong energy and transactions practice group, he said.

"Akin Gump has a renowned reputation — not simply in Texas, but across the globe," McCaffrey said. "I'm delighted to join such a talented and respected team of lawyers."

His transactions practice is generally focused on representing publicly and privately held companies in their acquisitions of private companies. He has also represented private equity funds and high net-worth individuals, according to Akin Gump.

"Tom's arrival bolsters our strength not simply in energy and global transactions, but in other key areas as well. I'm very excited to welcome him to our office," said Christine LaFollette, who heads Akin Gump's Houston office.

Most of McCaffrey's work so far has been in the domestic arena, but he said clients were increasingly branching out beyond U.S. borders.

He also said he enjoyed the cooperative atmosphere in transactions, where both buyer and seller work together to hammer out a deal.

"In this type of business, even if you're working with people on the other side of the table, everyone's working towards a common goal of selling the business or buying the business," McCaffrey said.

Prior to his decade at Haynes and Boone, McCaffrey spent 15 years at Houston law firm Dow Cogburn & Friedman PC, which merged with Dallas-based Winstead Sechrest & Minick PC in 2001.

McCaffrey holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

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