

Three Join Litigation and Energy Groups in Bradley's Houston Office

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP announced that Jeffrey Davis, Mary Elizondo Frazier and Peter Scaff have joined the firm's Houston office as partners. Davis and Scaff will co-chair Bradley's Oil and Gas team, and Frazier will serve on the firm's Texas Growth and Expansion Task Force.

All three attorneys were long-term partners and practice leaders at Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, which recently merged with Foley & Lardner, LLP. At Foley, Davis served as vice chair of the Energy Litigation Practice Group and, before the merger, was a member of Gardere's Board of Directors. At Gardere, Scaff most recently served as the firm-wide chair of Gardere's Compensation Committee, and Frazier served as co-chair of the Associates Committee.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jeff, Mary and Peter to Bradley," said Houston Office Managing Partner Ian P. Faria. "Their added depth and experience in the energy sector for handling complex litigation disputes as well as business needs are a great benefit to our clients."

Davis added, "Mary, Peter and I are very excited about joining Bradley to help boost its already thriving energy litigation practice. We believe that Bradley provides us with the best platform to take our practices to the next level and enhances our ability to effectively serve our clients."

In a release, the firm said Davis represents energy companies in litigation involving catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, surface and downhole tool incidents, and royalty and mineral interest disputes. He has served as lead counsel in more than 100 oilfield incident cases in state and federal

courts across Texas and Oklahoma. He also represents clients in a variety of commercial and construction litigation matters, including contractual disputes, business torts, products liability, warranty, real estate and trade secrets litigation. Davis is an elected member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Davis received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center, where he was member of the Houston Law Review, and received his B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin.

Frazier represents clients in personal injury, premises liability, wrongful death and product liability litigation, as well as business tort disputes. The firm said she has experience with multi-plaintiff and multi-defendant oil and gas litigation cases in Texas.

Frazier received her J.D. (magna cum laude) from South Texas College of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin.

Over his 18-year career, Scaff has litigated a variety of energy industry disputes, including cases concerning joint operations, areas of mutual interest, lease acquisition, trade secrets, seismic licensing, supply chain, construction, and manufacturing. He also has experience handling cases related to oilfield operations, downhole failures and well control events. In addition to his energy industry matters, Scaff has a commercial litigation practice, handling matters involving real estate, construction, franchising, partnership litigation, misappropriation, and fiduciary litigation. He also has prosecuted a number of civil fraud and investment scheme cases, many of which involved parallel criminal proceedings.

Scaff received his J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of Houston Law Center and his Bachelor of Arts with honors

from the University of Texas at Austin.