

# **Dykema's Houston Office Adds Experienced Commercial Litigation Attorney L. Michael Kennington**

Dykema, a leading national law firm, today announced the addition of L. Michael Kennington to its Commercial Litigation Practice Group as Senior Counsel in the firm's recently opened Houston office. Kennington joins Dykema after serving as Associate General Counsel of Callon Petroleum Company and Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.

Kennington has a history of managing corporate transactional and legal strategies in the oil and gas industry, including those involving litigation, acquisitions and divestitures, corporate governance, and environmental, to protect organizations from risks, liabilities, and exposures. He has deep experience steering legal projects in the energy sector throughout their life cycles while coordinating with multidisciplinary teams, designing policies/procedures, negotiating agreements/contracts, resolving disputes, and ensuring compliance with regulatory statutes.

During his time as Associate General Counsel with Callon, Kennington served as "First Chair" and "Second Chair" counsel on numerous acquisitions and divestitures of energy industry assets, including a leading role in a \$750M direct merger. He also helped resolve more than 40 multistate material lawsuits or disputes stemming from several areas of law, including contracts, trade secrets, proprietary licenses, environmental damage claims, property damage, labor and employment, class actions, and regulatory investigations. Additionally, Kennington has a wealth of experience handling corporate governance and business operations.

“Mike Kennington will bring immediate credibility with Houston’s largest industry, oil and gas, to Dykema’s newest office in Texas” said Chris Kratovil, Managing Member of Dykema’s Houston office. “Both his experience and his network in the energy sector are top-tier.”

Kennington earned a J.D. from the South Texas College of Law and a B.B.A. from the University of Houston, C.T. Bauer College of Business.