Kean Miller Combines With Dupuis & Polozola

Baton Rouge-based **Kean Miller LLP** has opened offices in The Woodlands, Texas, and Lafayette, Louisiana, by combining with the energy-focused law firm Dupuis & Polozola.

The firm said this expansion builds on Kean Miller's Houston office opening in 2017 and strengthens the firm's portfolio of legal and business services to energy, oil & gas, and petrochemical industry clients.

The 10 lawyers with Dupuis & Polozola work in upstream oil and gas exploration and production, handling transactional, regulatory, and litigation matters, as well as business and corporate, and real estate matters. The firm's clients include global exploration companies and small independents operating in Texas, Louisiana, Colorado, Kansas, North Dakota and New Mexico.

"Lafayette is the hub of the south Louisiana energy corridor, and The Woodlands continues to experience unprecedented growth in corporate headquarters," said Blane Clark, managing partner of Kean Miller. "Our two new offices strengthen our ability to offer strategic legal resources to our clients from east of New Orleans to the energy corridor of West Houston, and from the Gulf of Mexico to West Texas and beyond."

James H. "Jimmy" Dupuis Jr.

The firm now has more than 160 attorneys after the union with Dupuis & Polozola. Joining Kean Miller as equity partners are James H. "Jimmy" Dupuis Jr. in The Woodlands and Kyle P.

Polozola in Lafayette. The Woodlands office is located at 8301 New Trails Drive, Suite 100. The Lafayette location is at 2020 W. Pinhook Road, Suite 303.

“Combining our law firms makes great sense. We share a commitment to knowing our clients’ business inside and out, and to personalized client service,” said Dupuis. “Our clients will benefit from Kean Miller’s progressive approach and full-service offerings, and Kean Miller’s clients now have access to a team of upstream oil and gas attorneys experienced in Texas, Louisiana, and other producing states.”

Kyle P. Polozola

Polozola said he looks forward to playing a part in the cooperative efforts of talented lawyers across Kean Miller’s operations. “Our Lafayette office magnifies the existing firm presence across Louisiana and in Texas. With Kean Miller’s regional presence and deep bench of talented lawyers, we are an even more dynamic force in the Bayou State.”

Dupuis and Polozola, both experienced oil and gas and business attorneys, founded their firm in 2010. Dupuis earned his law degree from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert School of Law; Polozola’s law degree is from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.