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Christine B. LaFollette is the partner in charge of the Houston office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and a member of the firm-wide management committee. Ms. LaFollette has more than 30 years of experience representing issuers and underwriters in public offerings and private placements of equity and debt securities, restructurings and financings, including master limited partnerships, as well as federal and state securities laws matters. Ms. LaFollette also represents clients in public and private M&A and disposition transactions, particularly in the energy industry. In addition, she represents public companies, boards of directors and special committees with respect to general corporate issues, compliance with corporate governance matters, including compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Dodd-Frank Act, periodic reporting, proxy solicitation, audit committee standards and insider trading requirements of the federal securities laws.

Ms. LaFollette has recently represented—

- a private energy company in a \$350 million senior note Rule 144A private placement
- an investment fund in the purchase of a private energy service company
- a public energy company in its acquisition of a public company for approximately \$6.4 billion
- a public energy company in its acquisition of a public company for approximately \$1.26 billion
- a public energy company in its \$1.25 billion senior notes offering
- a public energy company in its public company merger for approximately \$1.5 billion
- a public company in its sale of a joint venture interest for \$2.2 billion
- a public energy company in a series of dispositions of its offshore Gulf of Mexico assets for approximately \$900 million
- energy companies in their initial public offerings
- a public energy company in a tax-free exchange and a \$300 million equity offering
- the special committees of the general partner of several publicly traded energy master limited partnerships in connection with the transformation of two PLPs, the sale of securities as well as the acquisition of assets
- a leading natural gas compression services company in its \$150 million initial public offering, followed by seven acquisitions and related debt and equity financings
- a public energy company in its \$3 billion disposition through a tender offer and merger
- a public company in several public underwritten offerings, including \$175 million of preferred stock, \$150 million of debt in mandatory putable/remarketable securities, and \$200 million additional series of senior notes and \$100 million of medium term notes, with each offering from shelf registration statements
- investment funds in the purchase of majority equity positions as well as disposition of assets from private energy companies

Ms. LaFollette received her B.S. with highest honors from the University of Texas in 1974 and her J.D. with honors from Loyola University in Los Angeles in 1980.

Ms. LaFollette served as a director of the Houston World Affairs Council and serves as a director for the National Association of Corporate Directors – Texas TriCities Chapter and the Texas General Counsel Forum. Additionally, she serves as a trustee for the Houston Grand Opera. She is a speaker and moderator at various seminars, including those sponsored by the American Corporate Counsel Association, the Texas Corporate Counsel Institute, Rocky Mountain Securities Conference, the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) and the Houston Bar Association. She has been listed every year since 2007 in *The Best Lawyers in America*; and has been listed since 2004 in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a leading individual in corporate/M&A law. *The M&A Advisor* named Ms. LaFollette “Female Dealmaker of the Year” in 2010. In addition, she is a member of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way and a past chair of the Board of Stewards for St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Ms. LaFollette is also a founding member of the Center for Women in Law at the University of Texas at Austin, as well as a founding member of the Houston Advisory Council for Tahirih Justice Center.