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## BIOGRAPHY

Chris Paul concentrates his practice on business issues and complex transactional and regulatory matters. He assists clients with resolution of all aspects of transactions, including pre-transaction due diligence, risk assessment and evaluation and preparation of contracts, and post-transaction implementation of contractual protections and best operating practices.

Chris has substantial legal and management experience in providing counseling to refining and manufacturing operations in areas of liabilities and exposures, environmental requirements, risk communication, environmental program auditing and upgrading, operational compliance, security regulations and programs, and development of compliance training, tracking and management systems. He also works with emerging regulatory issues involving environmental, health and safety issues associated with nanotechnology. He has done extensive work with companies to establish systems for managing large numbers of risks and liabilities with a coordinated team approach that increases efficiencies and results in more predictable and consistent outcomes. Additionally, he has a background in energy regulation, having been responsible for transitioning plant natural gas supply to a deregulated environment, and work with pipeline tariff issues.

Chris also does extensive work with midstream and downstream energy companies, with a particular focus on pipeline and storage logistics for oil and gas companies. He has significant and unique experience in products, crude oil, NGL, natural gas transmission and natural gas distribution pipeline management and operations, including system acquisitions and divestitures, capacity leasing, real estate transactions, feedstock and product quality issues, employment issues, operating agreements and contracting, security issues, SCADA issues, and coordination of compliance (Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Transportation Security Administration), emergency response, and litigation activities. His SCADA and security work is also of particular interest to utility and transportation companies.

His practice also includes significant environmental work involving site remediation and issues of natural resource damage claims, application of risk-based closure requirements, cost recovery actions, and environmental compliance planning and programs.

As part of his counseling practice, he is a frequent guest speaker before such audiences as the Association of Oil Pipelines, the American Petroleum Institute, NACE International (National Association of Corrosion Engineers), ARMA International, Environmental Federation of Oklahoma, Air and Waste Management Association, OSU Environmental Management Program, ENTELEC (Energy Telecommunications and Electrical Association), IRWA (International Right of Way Association), various other industry, professional and educational organizations, and for specific client programs.

Chris is an adjunct instructor for the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Engineering Extension Environmental Management Certificate Program. He is also certified as a mediator by The Mediation Institute and is TWIC (transportation worker identification credential) qualified.

Chris's extensive achievements and contributions to the legal industry have earned him inclusion in *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* (environmental, transportation/maritime, business/corporate). He was also honored for his professional and civic contributions as a 2010 recipient of the *Journal Record's* Leadership in Law Award.

Prior to joining McAfee & Taft in 2009, Chris was a partner with Joyce & Paul, PLLC, a law firm he co-founded in 2000. His extensive career experience includes serving as in-house counsel for Sun Company and Sun Pipe Line Company, environmental manager for Sun Company, Tulsa Refinery, and partner at Gardere & Wynne, LLP. He also served on active duty for four years as a U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps lawyer with the Seventh Infantry Division where he concentrated in criminal trial work and military operations law and concurrently served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented various clients in Clean Water Act cases brought by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice.
- Provided for clients' on-site response and legal guidance in emergencies such as spills, fires, or other incidents or events, to include two of the largest on-land petroleum spills in the United States.
- For various clients, handled the acquisition of major pipeline facilities, including all aspects of various transactions, including due diligence, risk assessment and evaluation, preparation of contracts, and post-transaction implementation of contractual protections and best operating practices.
- For multiple clients, handled the divestiture of various terminaling and pipeline facilities.
- For multiple clients, established compliance programs, primarily related to environmental, health, safety and security issues.
- For multiple clients, manage environmental, health, safety and security auditing, to include on-site activities at industrial, refining and pipeline facilities.
- Managed nuisance and personal injury case involving a refinery facility that resulted in a successful verdict that was the 1996 National Law Journal Defense Verdict of the Year.
- Managed nationwide audit program for oil terminaling company subject to various state and federal regulations involving their storage tanks.
- For multiple clients, developed records management programs to improve business efficiencies and meet legal requirements related to ongoing records disposition, as well as preparation for litigation and regulatory inquiries.
- For multiple clients, provided representation in response to citations issued by OSHA alleging various safety violations at industrial facilities.
- For multiple clients, provided representation in real estate issues involving pipeline facilities, including condemnation actions.
- Represented clients in matters related to Department of Transportation Notices of Violation or other actions.
- Represented clients in purchasing equipment for control systems, to include SCADA control systems for pipeline companies and other utilities.

- Represented clients in establishing security programs and handling of security issues related to both physical and electronic security requirements, including the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards.
- Represented client involved in an armed raid on industrial facility by law enforcement and EPA, and subsequent white collar criminal charges.
- Provided legal and management counseling to refining, manufacturing and transportation operations in areas of liabilities and exposures, environmental requirements, risk communication, environmental program auditing and upgrading, operational compliance, and development of compliance training, tracking and management systems.
- Represented large refining facility to apply risk-based closure requirements to part of the plant at a substantial savings to the client. This work involved issues of potential Natural Resource Damage claims and coordination with multiple parties on technical and legal issues.
- Managed environmental staff and oversight of work involving various aspects of environmental compliance, including permitting, audits, air and water emissions, hazardous waste disposal, and remediation projects. Specific projects included: coordination of environmental matters for refinery turnaround, two major remediation projects, upgrading of air compliance program, and development of environmental training and tracking systems.
- Represented clients in antitrust evaluations, Robinson-Patman Act work and pre-merger notification filings; import/export work including the formal protest of a U.S. Customs duty determination; consumer credit work and major bankruptcy litigation; licensing and copyright matters; confidentiality and nondisclosure issues; and contracting for sales, services, materials procurement, capital purchases, railroad and computer equipment leasing, software development, and construction.
- Completed a project involving partnership with a group of end-user companies to construct a downstream manufacturing facility on refinery property to access direct pipeline supply of petrochemical feedstock. In addition to work with state and local authorities on zoning and permitting and work involving coordination for financing, contracts were crafted for the sale of feedstocks, provision of certain refinery services, transportation, environmental permitting, and real estate matters.
- Successfully represented a client in a debarment proceeding resulting from a felony conviction for violation of environmental laws.
- Represented multiple clients in responding to Federal Trade Commission civil investigative demands.

## ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania, 1983
- Oklahoma, 1990
- Arkansas, 2006
- Kansas, 2007
- U.S. District Courts for the Western, Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. Supreme Court

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, 1983
- B.A., Dickinson College, 1980 (International Studies and History)

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Tulsa County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Transportation Lawyers Association
- Oklahoma Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators

## CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- American Legion
- Arthritis Foundation (Former Member and Board Chair, Eastern Oklahoma Chapter; Former Member and Audit Committee Chair, National Board of Directors)
- Association of the United States Army
- Leadership Oklahoma (Class XXII, 2009)
- Leadership Tulsa (Class XXII, 1990)
- National Rifle Association
- Oklahoma Aerospace Alliance (McAfee & Taft Liaison)
- Tulsa Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (Legal Advisor)