

# Thomas Charles Turner, Jr.

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## **State Bar and Board Certification Memberships:**

Member, State Bar of Texas (by examination) #24070775	Nov. 2009 - Present
Member, State Bar of New Mexico (by examination) #145736	Sept. 2013 – Present
Member, State Bar of Louisiana (by examination) #35611	June 2014 – Present
Board Certification in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization	Jan. 2016 – Present

## **Experience:**

**Turner Energy Law • Houston, TX • Partner** **June 2023 – Present**

- Seasoned oil and gas attorney focusing on title, transactional and regulatory matters in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

**Rainey & Wortmann, PLLC • Houston, TX • Senior Attorney** **September 2022 – June 2023**

- Senior attorney focusing on review of complex mineral title in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico as well as reviewing and drafting all industry standard contracts (leases, JOA's, etc).

**Stronghold Resources Partners, LLC • Houston, TX • Title Attorney** **Jan. 2021 – September 2022**

- Title attorney focusing on review of complex mineral title in the Permian Basin of Texas and New Mexico as well as the Haynesville Shale in Northern Louisiana. Drafted PSA's, curative instruments, etc. Negotiated mineral deals.

**Kean Miller, LLP • Houston, TX • Energy Partner** **Sep. 2019 – Sep. 2020**

- Energy partner focused on complex real property issues including title and transactional matters. Performed due diligence for acquisition and divestitures. Routinely negotiated and drafted easements, leases, purchase and sale agreements, and other real property agreements. Drafted curative instruments. Drafted title opinions covering lands in New Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana. Advised clients on operational and regulatory matters. Advised outside counsel on litigation matters.

**Buckley & Turner, PLLC • Houston, TX • Managing and Founding Partner** **Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019**

- Formed full-service oil, gas and mineral law firm focusing on title, transactional, operational, and regulatory matters in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

**Wiley, Edwards & Wright • Houston, TX • Associate Counsel** **Apr. 2011 – Feb. 2016**

- Drafted Drilling, Division Order, Supplemental and Acquisition Title Opinions from Fee, State and Federal Lands throughout Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia, as well as Deeds, Stipulations of Interest, and other curative instruments in conjunction with complex title examinations, including numerous held by production projects.

**Burnett & Thomason • Austin, TX • Associate Counsel** **Apr. 2010 – Apr. 2011**

- Drafted Drilling Title Opinions covering Subject Lands in Tarrant County and Johnson County, Texas.

**Diceros Asset Management, LLC • Austin, TX • Land Associate** **Jan. 2010 – Apr. 2010**

- Traced mineral interests and land title interests in Reeves County, Frio County, Duval County, Starr County, Kleberg County, Bee County, Goliad County and San Patricio County and verified Division Order payments to clients.

## **Education:**

**The University of Texas School of Law • Austin, TX** **May 2008**

*Juris Doctor*

**The University of Texas at Austin, College of Liberal Arts • Austin, TX** **May 2002**

*Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy; Minor: Plan II Honors. Graduated with Honors.*

## **Associations & Memberships:**

Texas Board of Legal Specialization Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Examination Commission - Member Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Exam Commission • American Association of Professional Landmen - Vice Chair, Publications Committee • College of the State Bar of Texas • Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas • Natural Resources/ Energy/ Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of New Mexico • Mineral Law Section of the State Bar of Louisiana • Houston Bar Association • Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Section of the Houston Bar Association • Houston Association of Petroleum Landmen – Vice Chair, Louisiana Social Committee • Permian Basin Landman’s Association • Past President (2016) Texas Lawyer’s Concerned for Lawyers Group (TLCL) • Member State Bar of Texas Standing Committee for the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

## **Publications & Presentations**

- **#1 Best Selling Author on Amazon: *New Mexico Oil and Gas Law: State, Federal and Fee Lands (5/2023)*.**
- 69<sup>th</sup> Annual LSU Mineral Law Institute “In-house counsel do’s and don’ts,” March 31, 2022, Baton Rouge, LA.
- “New Mexico Water Law,” Permian Basin Landmen’s Association Newsletter, March/April, 2019.
- “Oil, Gas, and Energy Law Year in Review,” Texas Bar Journal, Vol. 82, No. 1, January 2019.
- AAPL New Mexico Land Institute “New Mexico Title Issues,” September 12, 2018, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- AAPL New Mexico Field Landman’s Seminar “New Mexico Title and Curative Matters,” September 11, 2018, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- *Overview of New Mexico Oil and Gas Law (Revised to focus on State and Federal Leasing)*, Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen July Luncheon, July 19, 2018, Fort Worth, Texas.
- *Overview of New Mexico Oil and Gas Law*, New Mexico Landmen’s Association Spring Seminar, May 4, 2018, Roswell, New Mexico.
- ***A Primer on New Mexico Oil and Gas Law: State, Federal, and Fee Lands***
  - **LSU Journal of Energy Law and Resources, Vol. VI, Issue 2, Spring 2018.**
  - **Section Report of the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Vol. 42, No. 2 (Winter 2018).**
  - American Association of Petroleum Landmen - Landman Magazine July/August 2018.
- *Backwardation Is Here (To Stay?)*, Rocky Mountain Landman, Vol.25, Issue 6, Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen, January 2018.
- *Killers of the Flower Moon - Book Review*, Dallas Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter, September 2017.
- *85th Legislative Update*, Houston Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter, May 2017.
- *Louisiana Update, (Part 1) (Part 2)*, AAPL Landman Magazine, Vol. 62, No. 2, May/June 2017.
- *Mental Health and Substance Abuse Issues in the Practice of Law* (TX CLE #901376066), South Texas College of Law Wellness Forum March 28, 2017, Houston, TX.
- *Allocation Well Update (Updated)*, Dallas Association of Professional Landmen’s Newsletter, March 2017.
- *Allocation Well Update*, Permian Basin Landmen’s Association Newsletter, January 2017.
- ***Louisiana Update 2016, Section Report of the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Fall 2016)*.**
- *The Federal Helium Reserve*, Houston Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter, November 2016.
- *Potash in the Permian Basin of New Mexico (Revised)*, Permian Basin Landmen’s Association Newsletter, October 2016.
- *The Price of Oil and the U.S. Dollar*, Houston Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter, October 2016.
- *Potash in the Permian Basin of New Mexico*, Houston Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter, September 2016.
- *The Price of Oil and the Commitment of Traders Report*, Houston Association of Professional Landmen Newsletter, August 2016.