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Samuel has extensive experience representing private equity firms, private and public companies, management teams, and other strategic clients in energy- and infrastructure-related transactions, as well as other industries. He leverages that experience to deliver value throughout each phase of the transaction.

Sam's experience covers M&A, joint ventures, commercial transactions, financings, and restructurings involving the traditional upstream and midstream sectors, as well as produced water disposal, carbon capture and sequestration, renewable fuels, and PDP backed securitizations. Sam also advises clients on corporate governance matters.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Fieldwood Energy LLC in its US\$1B sale of all deepwater assets and certain shallow water and other assets to Quarter North Energy Holding, Inc., in connection with Fieldwood's chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan in its US\$221.6M equity investment in Sweetwater Royalties LLC
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, as an investor in FireBird Energy LLC, in FireBird's US\$1.6B sale of its assets to Diamondback Energy, Inc.
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, as an investor in Hawkwood Energy LLC, in the approximately US\$650M sale of Hawkwood to WildFire Energy I LLC (a portfolio company of Warburg Pincus and Kayne Anderson) and the US\$604M sale of the assets of Chisholm Energy Holdings, LLC (a portfolio company of Warburg Pincus and OTPP) to Earthstone Energy, Inc.
- Golden Gate Capital in the formation of Stonehill Environmental Partners and Stonehill in its acquisition of the assets of Waterfield Midstream
- WPX Energy, Inc. in its US\$2.5B acquisition of Felix Energy
- EnLink Midstream Partners, LP and EnLink Midstream LLC in their US\$1.55B acquisition of subsidiaries of Tall Oak Midstream LLC
- BlackBrush Oil & Gas, LP in its sale to Ares Management, L.P. by EIG Management Company, LLC and Tailwater Capital, LLC
- Kingfisher Midstream, LLC (a subsidiary of Alta Mesa Resources Inc.) in its 363 bankruptcy sale of midstream assets to BCE-Mach III LLC
- Magnetar Capital in its capacity as a holder of preferred equity in connection with the US\$18B merger of Energy Transfer Partners and Regency Energy Partners, and the US\$7.5B merger of Crestwood Equity Partners and Crestwood Midstream Partners
- Magnetar Capital, GSO Capital Partners (n/k/a Blackstone Credit), TPG Capital and EIG Global Energy Partners in its sale of upstream assets by CHK Cleveland Tonkawa, LLC, to Four Point Energy and related redemption of preferred equity by CHK Cleveland Tonkawa, LLC
- Magnetar Capital and Triangle Peak Partners in their preferred stock investment, alongside KKR's Energy Income & Growth Fund, in Covey Park Energy LLC to partially finance Covey Park's acquisition of certain upstream assets from Chesapeake Exploration, LLC
- Kellen-Wildcat Holdings (a joint venture between Wildcat Midstream Partners and Old Ironsides Energy) in its sale of a 40% stake (retaining 10%) in Wildcat Midstream Holdings LLC to affiliates of Highstar Capital, the owner of the other 50% of Wildcat Midstream
- Kinder Morgan in its US\$5B acquisition of Copano Energy LLC
- Management of Admiral Permian Resources, LLC, in a joint venture with Pine Brook Road Partners and Riverstone Holdings under which Pine Brook and Riverstone will provide up to a US\$600M line of equity to purchase and develop upstream assets in the Permian Basin
- Aethon Energy Management (a subsidiary of Aethon Energy), together with RedBird Capital Partners, in the acquisitions of natural gas-producing assets in east Texas and northern Louisiana from SM Energy Company and of the Moneta Divide oil and gas assets, approximately 188,000 net acres in Wyoming, from Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
- JPMorgan Chase & Co. in its sale of approximately 50% of the portfolio companies held at the time by One Equity Partners to Lexington Partners, Inc. and AlplInvest Partners N.V., and in the formation by OEP professionals of OEP Capital Advisors, L.P.
- Lindsay Goldberg in its acquisition of a majority interest in Dealer Tire, LLC
- Guggenheim Securities in connection with the first 144A oil and gas securitization

- Guggenheim Securities in connection with the first-ever rated term securitization for a nationally known oil and gas company
- Guggenheim Securities in connection with the inaugural offering by an affiliate of Jonah Energy LLC (Jonah), a leading sustainable natural gas producers in the United States, of US\$750M fully amortizing notes backed by a portion of Jonah’s upstream producing assets
- Guggenheim Securities in connection with Pure West Energy, LLC’s (PureWest) securitization of US\$365M of notes backed by PureWest’s upstream producing assets. The offering was comprised of a combination of US\$210M of 144A Class A1 Notes and US\$155M of Class A2 Notes offered and sold as a 4(a)(2) private placement.

Recent Experience

Winston Represents POET, LLC in CCS Agreement with Summit Carbon Solutions

Recognitions

Samuel was named 2016 Pro Bono “Lawyer of the Year” by the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, an organization dedicated to increasing and enhancing pro bono legal services to the underprivileged in Dallas. He was recommended for Energy Transactions: Oil and Gas by *The Legal 500 US* 2020–2023. He was also listed as one of *Lawdragon’s* “500 Leading Energy Lawyers” for Energy & Natural Resources in 2024.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Samuel received his J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. He also interned for the Eighth Court of Appeals for the State of Texas.

ADMISSIONS

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MARCH 1, 2024

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NEWS

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AUGUST 18, 2023

IN THE MEDIA

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MAY 16, 2023

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MAY 15, 2023

Capabilities

Transactions	Private Equity	Mergers & Acquisitions	Restructuring & Insolvency	
Corporate Governance	Energy	Oil & Gas	Energy Transition	Infrastructure