

**OIL & GAS
CONFLICTS OF LAW**

Live Oak Energy, Inc. v. Hunt Oil Company

Live Oak owned rights to produce oil and gas from a shallow formation in northern Louisiana known as the Birdsong-Owens or Pettit formation. Hunt owned the right to produce oil and gas from some deeper formations directly below the Live Oak's Pettit formation. Live Oak sued Hunt, claiming that Hunt's drilling and production operations were substandard and damaging to Live Oak's interests. In June 2007, GUCL attorneys Frank Broyles and Karen Pollak represented Live Oak and obtained a unanimous jury verdict and a judgment award in excess of six-million dollars. The trial required the presentation of substantial engineering evidence and application of both Louisiana and Texas law.

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