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## ENERGY

The energy sector is our top industry focus at Whitley Penn. Whitley Penn's Energy group has experience advising and executing Audit, Tax, Accounting & Consulting, Land Administration and Mineral & Asset Management solutions. We provide valuable solutions for companies from inception and through acquisition & development, in order to have a successful divestiture process. The clients we serve have held focuses in upstream, midstream, energy services, renewables, etc., which allows us to better understand your businesses and the complexities you face. This experience also includes working on large, outsourced accounting projects for transactions exceeding \$1 billion. Our clients include publicly traded companies, private companies, investment fund entities, private equity backed companies and family offices.

## CAAS ENERGY ACCOUNTING & CONSULTING

Our CAAS team can be your back office solution for energy investors or operators. We use the latest accounting software tools, and work together with our clients to grow and scale their teams by providing the following services:

- » General ledger accounting for Oil & Gas upstream and midstream companies
- » Accounts payable processing and treasury management
- » Revenue and Joint Interest Billing (JIB) preparation and distribution
- » Regulatory reporting including severance tax, government royalties, and state withholdings
- » Financial reporting
- » Audit and tax preparation and management
- » Purchase price accounting consultation
- » Acquisition onboarding
- » Divestiture accounting
- » Technical Oil & Gas GAAP accounting
- » Accounting software integration and implementation

## LAND ADMINISTRATION

Whitley Penn's Land Administration team has extensive experience and knowledge of the oil & gas industry. Our professionals offer a variety of services to help maintain proper records for purposes of division of interest. Our team is experienced with a variety of division order and accounting integrated platforms, including, but not limited to, Quorum On-Demand Accounting, OGsys, Integra and others. Additional specialties include:

### Lease Administration

- » Setup master files, including leases, contracts, and other land agreements
- » Create and maintain master files, including wells
- » Generate and maintain expiration and lease status calendars
- » Produce company acreage position reports
- » Pay land obligations as requests and needed, including shut-in royalties and delay rentals

## LAND ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

### Division of Interest

- » Providing company ownership position reporting (GW/NRI schedule)
- » Maintaining and processing division of interest
- » Maintaining both Expense (JIB) and Revenue decks
- » Providing and managing Owner Relations
- » Providing support for name and address master in database
- » Suspense monitoring and management

## MINERAL & ASSET MANAGEMENT

Whitley Penn's Mineral & Asset Management team is dedicated to managing Oil & Gas properties for a diverse range of clients, from individuals to financial institutions. Utilizing the latest technology in MineralWare, we protect and optimize client's mineral and land interests. Our team of specialized professionals offer a wide range of services to ensure clients receive the best possible management for their properties. In addition, our Mineral & Asset Management solutions are second to none, offering comprehensive and effective strategies for maximizing the value of mineral assets.

### Services Offered to Alleviate & Scale Your Operations Teams

- » Asset Organization & Collection of Documents
- » Proactive Land Management
- » Routine Production Volume & Deduction Reviews
- » Cutting Edge Software Access with Mapping and Well Data
- » Payment & Protesting of Ad Valorem Taxes
- » Monthly, Quarterly, or Annual Reporting
- » Revenue Deposits
- » Invoice/JIB Tracking & Payments
- » Suspended/Escheated Funds Recovery
- » Division Order Review and Execution
- » Lease Negotiation and Prospective Lease Marketing
- » Communication with Operators and Regulators
- » Surface Management and Negotiation

## **CLIENT ACCOUNTING ADVISORY SERVICES (CAAS) FUND ACCOUNTING**

### **Fund Accounting and Administration Services**

Whitley Penn offers an array of investment fund accounting and administration services to meet the specific needs of our clients. This allows us to service a wide range of client types, from single member fund managers investing on behalf of friends and family, to large investment funds raising hundreds of millions in capital commitments. Whether stepping in as a full-service outsourced accounting department or serving as a third-party investor relations administrator, our fund accounting team addresses the unique needs of your investment fund.

#### **Our Fund Accounting Services Include:**

- » General Ledger Fund Accounting Maintenance
- » Financial Statement and Footnote Preparation
- » Investor Capital Statement Reporting
- » Capital Call Contribution and Unfunded Capital Balance Calculation
- » Distribution Waterfall and Hypothetical Liquidation Calculation
- » Management Fee Calculation
- » Consulting services related to choice of entity for investors, operators and developers
- » Advice on complex structures such as master limited partnerships and resulting partnership allocations
- » Assistance in calculating tax provisions and in documenting uncertain tax positions
- » State and Local Tax Reviews

#### **Our Fund Administration Services Include:**

- » Investor Relations and Contact Management
- » Limited Partner Request and Audit Confirmation Completion
- » Investor Communications and Reporting Distribution

In addition to the recurring fund services above, the fund accounting and administration team offers a variety of ad hoc financial consulting services to help our clients analyze performance and visualize success in their business.

#### **Our Financial Consulting Services Include:**

- » Performance Analysis and Returns Ratio Computation
- » Future Projection Estimates and Alternative Scenario Comparison Calculation

## FORENSIC, LITIGATION & VALUATION SERVICES (FLVS)

Forensic accounting, litigation support services, and business valuation have long been cornerstones of the firm. In recent years, however, Whitley Penn's Forensic, Litigation & Valuation Services (FLVS) group has grown into one of the largest of its kind in the state of Texas. With more than 40 individuals, the combined horsepower of our team is a key advantage that allows us to handle complex matters and a large caseload in an efficient and effective manner.

Boasting decades of experience among our testifying experts, and with professional credentials including CPAs, JDs, MBAs, ABVs, ASAs, and CFEs, among others, our team is qualified to provide a broad spectrum of forensic and litigation services. This includes analysis and expert testimony within the context of divorce, commercial disputes, fraud, and forensic investigations, and intellectual property issues. Whitley Penn's FLVS team is well versed in the litigation and trial process, and our professionals have testified as experts hundreds of times in venues across the country, including federal district courts, state courts, tax courts, and courts of claims, as well as before domestic and international arbitration panels.

## CYBERSECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT

In performing our cybersecurity risk assessment, our procedures will include evaluating the Company's current state using select areas from the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework v1.1. We recommend focusing on the Company's operational information security risks as it relates to the following areas:



### Identify

- » Asset Management
- » Business Environment
- » Information Security Governance
- » Information Security Risk Assessment
- » Risk Management Strategy
- » Supply Chain Risk Management



### Detect

- » Anomalies & Events
- » Security Continuous Monitoring
- » Detection Processes & Procedures



### Respond

- » Incident Response Planning
- » Incident Communication
- » Incident Analysis
- » Incident Containment & Mitigation
- » Improvements



### Protect

- » Identity Management & Access Control
- » Awareness & Training
- » Data Security
- » Information Protection Process & Procedures
- » Maintenance
- » Data Classification & Vulnerability Management
- » Protective Technology



### Recover

- » Recovery Planning
- » Recovery Improvements
- » Recovery Communications

## DATA PRODUCTS & STRATEGY

Almost all companies recognize the power of data and insights, however many struggle to unlock its full potential. The dilemma most face is that data investments must deliver near-term value and at the same time lay the foundation for rapidly developing future uses.

Our Data Products & Strategy team uses data products to enable businesses to manufacture new insights, new products, and new opportunities. This allows for businesses to begin to treat data as an asset and through a product methodology we can measure value and ROI for the decisions derived from their data products.

Our team has significant experience with the energy sector.

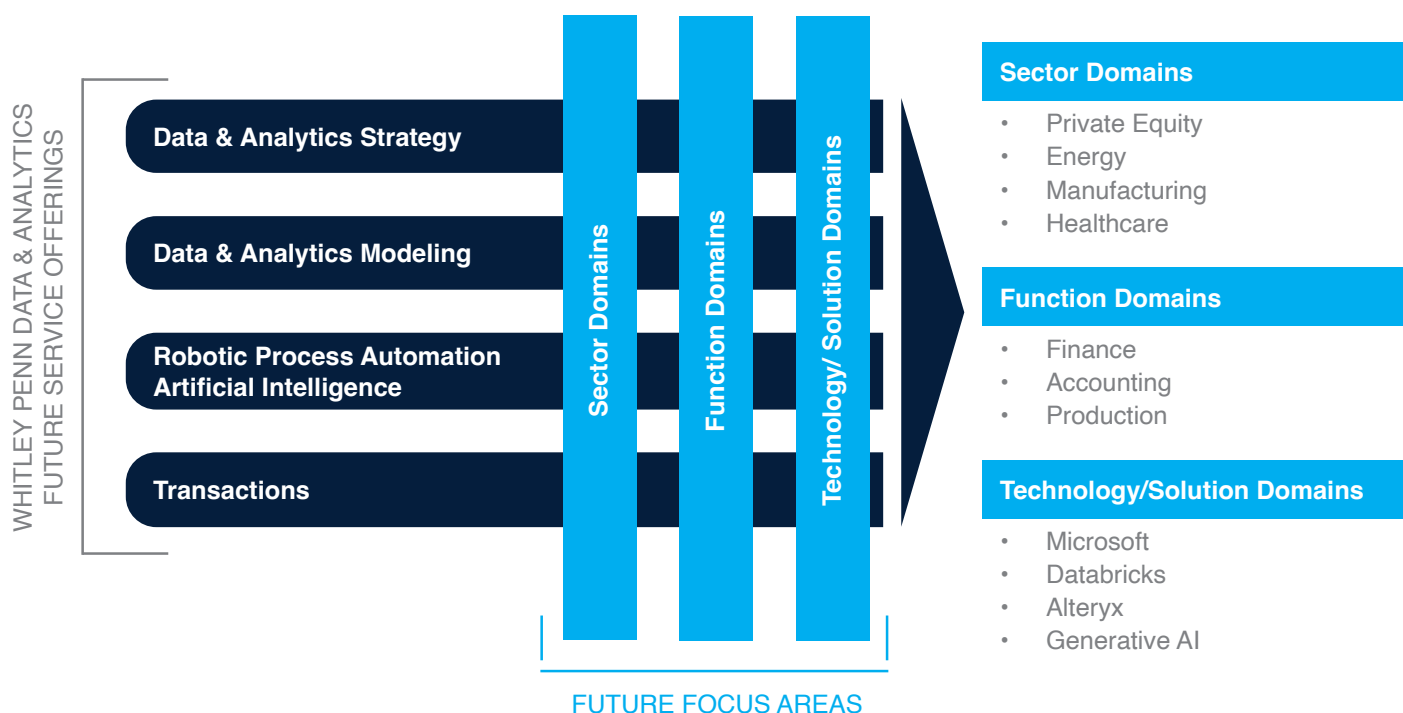
**Including:**

- » Developing LOS Reporting
- » Integrating Various Oil & Gas Software Programs
- » Creating Client Oil & Gas Reporting Dashboards

**Additional Services We Provide**

- » Data Product Development
- » Data Design and Strategy

## DATA ANALYTICS & DATA PRODUCTS





## AUDIT SERVICES

Whether you need an audit, a review, or other assurance services, Whitley Penn gives you understandable, usable information with an industry insider's perspective. Our clients view us as a business advisor and responsive resource throughout the year.

### We focus on the guidance you need for:

- » Audit, review, and compilation services of financial statements of public, private, and investment fund entities. Our public entities are traded primarily on U.S. and London-based exchanges
- » Reporting in U.S. the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- » Agreed-upon procedures; including forensic audits
- » Audit of revenue and expenses in conjunction with royalty and lease agreements
- » Employee benefit plan audits for companies with 100-plus employees
- » GAAP conversion to IFRS
- » Due diligence support for mergers, acquisitions and other transactions
- » Risk Management services including Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) Compliance Assessment of internal controls and procedures, internal audit associated assistance and internal control evaluations
- » Business Process Improvement
- » Internal Audit

## TAX SERVICES

As tax advisors to many energy investors as well as exploration and production companies, our professionals understand the tax aspects of Oil & Gas quantity limitations, unique depletion calculations and intangible drilling cost deductions.

### We can guide and direct you through the complexities of this industry with the following services:

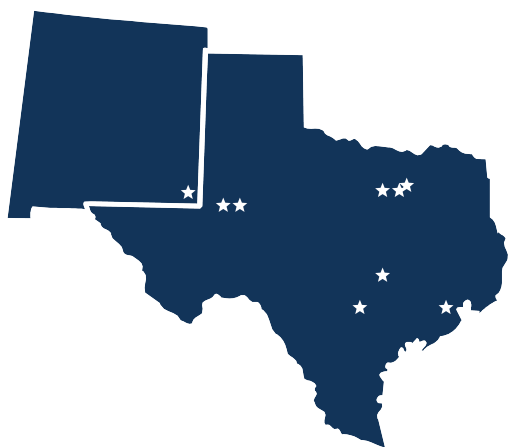
- » Preparation and consulting on federal and state tax returns
- » Tax consulting related to purchases and sales of oil and gas properties
- » Consulting services related to choice of entity for investors, operators and developers
- » Advice on complex structures such as master limited partnerships and resulting partnership allocations
- » Assistance in calculating tax provisions and in documenting uncertain tax positions
- » State and local tax reviews

## FIRM OVERVIEW

Whitley Penn continues to be one of the region's most distinguished public accounting firms. With offices in Texas and New Mexico, combined with our worldwide affiliation through HLB International, we are strategically positioned for continued growth both locally and internationally.



The primary mission of Whitley Penn is to be a partner with our clients by providing an unmatched level of high quality service. Focusing on this mission ensures consistent improvement as we diversify and grow our client-base, service offerings, and people. We live out our mission as we learn, innovate, and succeed by sharing knowledge, embracing diversity, and working together. Whitley Penn is one of the largest Texas-based, public accounting firm with offices located in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Odessa, Plano, and San Antonio, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico.



## Industries & Specialties

- Agriculture
- Construction
- Energy
- Employee Benefit Plans
- Estate, Gift & Trust
- Family Office & High-Net-Worth Individuals
- Financial Institutions
- Healthcare
- Manufacturing, Distribution & Logistics
- Nonprofit
- Private Equity & Investment Funds
- Professional Services
- Public Sector
- Real Estate
- Restaurant, Entertainment, Retail & Hospitality
- Technology
- Veterinary Medicine

## Services

### Tax

- State and Local Tax (SALT)
- Federal
- International
- Benefit Plan (IRS Form 5500)

### Audit

- Benefit Plans
- Private Company
- Risk Advisory
- SEC Filings: 10k and 11k

### Consulting

- Client Accounting & Advisory Services (CAAS)
  - Fund Administration
  - Outsourced Accounting Services
  - Technology Solutions
  - Controllership & Interim Advisory
  - CAAS Energy
- Data Products & Strategy
- Forensic Litigation & Valuation Services (FLVS)
- Investment & Wealth Management
- Strategic Consulting
- Deal Advisory
- Restructuring



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