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Texas Oil and Gas Booms Come at a Human Price



The [Eagle Ford](#) and [Barnett Shale](#) plays are located at opposite ends of Texas, yet have much in common. Both are rural areas, and both are experiencing an influx of people and resources due to the current oil and gas booms. These regions will continue to grow over the next decade as a source of employment and revenue growth in

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Texas, but with these expanding opportunities come increased risks.

The oil and gas production industry is the most dangerous for workers in the United States. The Eagle Ford and Barnett Shale areas have become especially hazardous as a result of the sudden rush to find and produce natural gas, namely with the potential for serious injury through explosions, commercial vehicle accidents, exposure to toxic materials, and injuries related to work on drilling rigs and the close interaction with heavy equipment and tools. Long hours, old or defective equipment, inexperienced workers, and lack of safety training are common results of trying to fill the high demand for employment in these regions; these circumstances often lead to disaster. [Read more.](#)

Two More Abraham Watkins Attorneys Recognized As Rising Stars



Abraham Watkins is proud to announce the selection of firm attorneys Chelsie King Garza and Sammy Ford to the 2013 listing of Texas Rising Stars as published in *Super Lawyers*

Magazine. This marks the first year that Ms. Garza and Mr.

Ford have been recognized on this listing. They join attorneys Daniel Horowitz, Mo Aziz, and Brant Stogner on this prestigious list, with Mr. Horowitz and Mr. Aziz having been recognized consistently for the past six years, and Mr. Stogner since 2011.

Rising Stars recognizes attorneys who are either under the age of 40 or have been practicing less than 10 years. Honorees are selected based on recognition by their peers within the legal community and professional achievements as a practicing attorney. It is an honor bestowed upon no more than 2.5 percent of eligible attorneys in Texas. [Read more.](#)

Abraham Watkins' Text Free Texas Campaign: Four \$250 Scholarships Being Offered



The average text message takes close to five seconds to compose and send, and in that period of time a vehicle traveling 55 miles per hour can travel the length of two football fields. Not surprisingly, recent data shows that about one in every four car accidents in Texas is related to distracted driving. The use of cell phones to dial or accept calls, surf the internet, and particularly to send or read text messages make up the majority of these distractions and cause drivers to take their eyes off of the road long enough to be involved in serious accidents.

Drivers under the age of 20 have more distracted driving related accidents than any other age group, and with motor vehicle accidents constituting the number one

cause of death for teenage drivers, Abraham Watkins has decided to launch its [Text Free Texas Campaign](#). The firm's attorneys are committed to helping the community avoid serious accidents that can cause permanent injury or death, and the Text Free Texas campaign is intended to raise awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving in order to keep these preventable accidents from occurring. [Read more.](#)

Partner Daniel Horowitz Emerges as Pipeline Litigation Specialist

With millions of miles of hazardous pipelines running under our feet, it is not surprising that failures occur on a regular basis. Unfortunately, when a failure occurs, the results are usually catastrophic. Since joining the firm in 2005, partner Daniel Horowitz has taken on the energy companies in numerous cases when tragedy occurs. His expertise in pipeline failures includes metal fatigue, improper maintenance, lack of public awareness programs, improper operator training, inadequate pipeline markers, failing to properly use/respond to the one call system, failing to properly identify lines, and an overall lack of corporate responsibility. The pipeline cases he has handled have involved gas distribution lines, liquid propane transmission lines, and all categories of gas gathering lines. He has successfully resolved cases all over the state and even handles incidents occurring in other states. Daniel has extensive knowledge of [Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Parts 191-199](#) which governs all hazardous lines in the United States. He is also very familiar with the The Texas Railroad Commission (TxRRC) and its role in regulating intrastate lines in Texas. The TxRRC regulations regarding pipeline safety can be found in [TX Admin. Code \(TAC\), Title 16, Chapter 8-Pipeline Safety Regulations](#). [Read more.](#)



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