

## **Hydraulic Fracturing—The Legal Framework**

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This presentation will cover the development of the current laws and regulations currently in effect applicable to hydraulic fracturing at the federal, state, and local government levels. Emphasis will be on state regulation, as historically and currently, states remain the primary regulators of hydraulic fracturing activities. The scope of this presentation will cover the similarities and differences between the approaches taken by various states, as well as recent attempts by all three levels of government to impose additional restrictions on hydraulic fracturing.