



## Christine B. LaFollette



### CAREER SUMMARY

Christine LaFollette is a strategic business advisor and an independent director for a public company. She retired from her law practice at the end of 2020 and is a partner emeritus at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP's Houston office, one of the world's largest firms with more than 900 lawyers practicing in over 20 global offices. In addition to her prior leadership roles at the firm, Chris was a well known corporate and financial transaction lawyer specializing in mergers and acquisitions, capital market and private financings and matters in the boardroom. She understands and respects the energy industry and has weathered more than three decades of volatile markets and shifting regulatory demands.

In private practice, Chris assisted public companies, boards of directors and special committees with corporate governance issues, including:

- Proxy solicitation from stockholders
- Audit and Compensation Committee standards
- Insider trading requirements of federal securities laws
- Compliance with the Dodd-Frank Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act
- Shareholder activists

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Holly Energy Partners (NYSE: HEP)**

Since early 2018, Chris has served on the Board of Directors for Holly Energy Partners, L.P. ("HEP"), and serves on each of the Conflicts Committee and Compensation Committee and attends all Audit Committee meetings. HEP is a publicly traded entity listed on the NYSE. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, HEP provides petroleum product and crude oil transportation, terminalling, storage and throughput services to the petroleum industry, in Texas, New Mexico, Washington, Idaho, Oklahoma, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming and Kansas.

#### **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (Law Firm), Houston, TX, 2004 – 2020**

Partner specializing in corporate and financial transactions at this international law firm, which has consistently been ranked as one of the top 20 corporate law firms in the country by Corporate Board Member. Served as the lead counsel for interdisciplinary deal teams comprised of corporate, finance, energy, real estate, tax, environmental, trade, antitrust, labor, public policy and benefits lawyers.

Former Partner-in-Charge of the Houston office and member of the firmwide Management Committee: Management experience in strategic thinking and developing business plans, financial oversight, addressed issues associated with risk management, cyber-security, management compensation and succession planning.

**King & Spalding (Law Firm), Houston, TX 1997 – 2004**

Partner specializing in Corporate and Financial transactions

**Andrews & Kurth (Law Firm), Houston, Texas 1980 – 1997**

Partner and Associate specializing in Corporate and Financial transactions

**NON PROFIT BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Director, officer and co-founder of Texas Tricities Chapter of National Association of Corporate Directors, which, since 2003, has been serving the local director community in Austin, Houston and San Antonio providing director programming and opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and interaction. Chris has participated in NACD's Global Board Leaders' Summit, with over 1,500 attendees, discussing important issues facing today's boardroom and impacting future exemplary board leadership.
- Director and officer of World Affairs Council of Houston that is part of a national organization with chapters in 95 US cities. The Council serves to provide programs and education regarding US and international affairs to enable the Houston community to participate more effectively in the global world scene.
- Former advisory member of Women in Energy in Houston that promotes women in business.
- Past chair on the Board of Stewards for St. Luke's United Methodist Church and co-chair of its successful \$35 million capital campaign.

**RECOGNITION**

- Named by the *Oil and Gas Investor* among the Influential Women in Energy 2021
- Named by the *Texas Lawyer* for Lifetime Achievement (2020) and a Texas Trailblazer (2019)
- *Law 360* named Ms. LaFollette as an Influential Woman in Energy (2018)
- Named a finalist in *Houston Business Journal's* inaugural Women Who Mean Business awards (2016)
- Inducted into the "Most Influential Women" Hall of Fame by the *Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce* (2014)
- Named by the *Houston Business Journal* among Top Women in Energy (2014)
- *The M&A Advisor* named Ms. LaFollette "Female Dealmaker of the Year" (2010)

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- "Novel Coronavirus and its Economic Shock: Ten Key Topics for Companies and Boards to Monitor"
- Annual publication of Top 10 Topics for Directors 2015 - 2020
- "EPA to the Oil and Gas Industry on Its Request for Information: Never Mind"
- Moderator and frequent speaker for Akin Gump Energy Briefings as well as for third parties
- Podcast: Corporate Culture and Board Diversity

**EDUCATION**

J.D., Loyola Law School, with honors, 1980

B.S., University of Texas at Austin, with highest honors, 1974