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**Dana Contratto** is the Chairman of Crowell & Moring's Energy Group and is resident in the Washington office. He represents clients in environmental, natural resources, and energy litigation, regulatory, legislative, business development, commercial negotiation, and general corporate matters. His practice experience is both domestic U.S. and international, including substantial matters in Latin America, the Far East, Africa, the Middle East, and the Caspian Sea region. Substantive areas of expertise that he has developed include electric generation and transmission, natural gas production, transmission, storage, distribution, and marketing, oil and gas leasing, exploration, development, and production, petrochemical production, minerals exploitation, renewable energy, carbon regulation, pesticide and agriculture regulation, natural resource development, and the corporate structure, governance, financing, and transactions documentation related to such matters.

Dana has written and spoken extensively at private and public seminars and conferences and corporate retreats on a wide range of issues related to energy, natural resource, and environmental issues. He has advised both public and private sector interests on natural resource and energy infrastructure development issues and has represented commercial and lending institutions on economic development and international trade policies.

His undergraduate degree in marketing is from Southern Illinois University, and his law degree is from Washington University, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Urban Law Annual*, now the *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy*. Prior to entering private practice, Dana served as a Court Law Clerk to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and thereafter as a law clerk to The Honorable Edward Allen Tamm, Chief Judge of

the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals and Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Dana has been named one of the top lawyers in the Energy field for the District of Columbia by *Chambers USA* and by *Best Lawyers in America*.

### Education

- Southern Illinois University, B.S. Marketing (1970)
- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law , J.D. (1973)

### Affiliations

Admitted to practice: District of Columbia

### Publications

- "Pemex Contracting After the 2008 Energy Reforms," *Energy Law and Transactions* (published by Matthew Bender 2010). Co-Author: Dana C. Contratto.
- "Mexico's 2008 Energy Reforms," *Energy Law and Transactions*, published by Matthew Bender (2009). Co-Author: Dana Contratto.
- "ECT: One, Two, Three: A Brief Primer on Investment Protection Under the Energy Charter Treaty," *Russia/Eurasia Committee Newsletter* (Fall 2007). Co-Authors: M. Brinkley Tappan and Dana C. Contratto.
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- "Distribution, the Place to be in '03," *19 NATURAL GAS* No. 6 (January 2003). Author: Dana Contratto.
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- "Bad Facts, Bad Law, Emergency Facts, Emergency Law," *17 NATURAL GAS* No. 8 (March 2001). Author: Dana Contratto.
- "Thoughts in 'Aught One,'" *17 NATURAL GAS* No. 7 (February 2001). Author: Dana Contratto.
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- "Outlook for Natural Gas and Power Industries in Mexico," *NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY ANALYSIS – 2000-2001* (2000). Author: Dana Contratto.
- "Mexican Developments – Staying the Course," *NATURAL GAS* (March 1998). Author: Dana Contratto.
- "International Focus: New Opportunities in Mexico," *THE 1997 NATURAL GAS YEARBOOK* (1997). Author: Dana Contratto.
- "Regional Interdependency: Benefits of and Barriers to Environmental and Energy Cooperation," *REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF BORDER ENERGY FORUM IV* (October 1997). Author: Dana Contratto.

**Alerts & Newsletters**

- "Victory For The Alternative Energy Industry," *Financial Services Alert* (September 22, 2009). Contact: Dana C. Contratto.
- "New Law Grants Venezuelan Government Power to Take Strategic Control Over Oil Industry Services," *International Dispute Resolution Alert* (May 11, 2009). Contacts: Dana C. Contratto, Baiju S. Vasani.

**Speaking Engagements**

- "Energy Infrastructure and Continental Security," Border Energy Forum XVII (September 2010). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "The Energy Equation: Innovations and Policies for a Greener India," 14th Wharton India Economic Forum (March 2010). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Transboundary Reservoirs -- the Mexico/US Situation in the Gulf of Mexico: Issues and Remedies," Border Energy Forum XVI (October 2009). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Natural Gas in Mexico and the U.S.: Important Public Policy and Commercial Issues," Border Energy Forum XIV (October 2007). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Investment Protection and the Energy Charter Treaty," International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Energy Charter Secretariat, Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (May 2007). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Managing Electric Utilities and Natural Gas Interdependency," Electric Utility Consultants, Inc. (March 2007). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Determinación de Precios del Gas en un Contexto de Integración Regional," Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (September 2006). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "North American Energy Policy," Border Energy Forum XI (October 2004). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Potential Impact of Constrained Natural Gas Supply on Electricity Sector Environmental Performance," Policy and Financial Incentive Workshop: Improving Environmental Performance of Central Generation Facilities (July 2003). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Implementing Energy Projects in Latin America: Entering, Surviving, and Prospering," Twelfth Annual Latin American Energy Conference, INSTITUTE OF THE AMERICAS (May 2003). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Examining the Future of Sustainable Energy Development in Emerging Economies," THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, Symposium 2003 (February 2003). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "LNG in the Californias – Issues and Opportunities," INSTITUTE OF THE AMERICAS (January 2003). Speaker: Dana Contratto.

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- "An Assessment of the Opening of the Mexican Natural Gas Industry," REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF BORDER ENERGY FORUM VII (October 2001). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Effective Use of Business Entities to Limit Risk and Engage in Post-Production Activities," PROCEEDINGS OF THE TEXAS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COURSE (September 1999). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "New Business Opportunities in Mexico," The Energy Law Institute for Attorneys and Landmen, South Texas College of Law Continuing Legal Education Course (August 1999). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "Regulatory and Legal Framework," Mexican Natural Gas Congress and Exhibition (July 1998). Speaker: Dana Contratto.
- "The Emerging Market for Natural Gas Price Risk Management in Mexico," ENERGY IN THE NEWS (Summer 1997). Speaker: Dana Contratto.