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Erik Milito is the Director of Upstream and Industry Operations for the American Petroleum Institute (API), which is the national trade association representing more than 500 companies involved in all aspects of the oil and gas industry, including exploration production, refining and transportation. Mr. Milito's work covers regulatory and legislative matters related to domestic exploration and production, including access to domestic oil and natural gas resources both onshore and offshore. Prior to his current position, Mr. Milito served as managing counsel covering a host of legal issues, including oil and gas leasing, royalty, environmental, fuels, transportation, safety, and civil justice reform.

Prior to joining API, Mr. Milito served for over four years on active duty in the U.S. Army as a judge advocate, and additional four years in the U.S. Army Reserve, resigning at the rank of Major. Mr. Milito was assigned to active duty tours in Hawaii, Korea and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and he served as a prosecutor, defense attorney and command advisor. Mr. Milito was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medals during his military tenure. After leaving the Army, Mr. Milito worked as a career attorney with the Solicitor's Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior. While at Interior, Mr. Milito worked on royalty, employment law, and disability access issues.

Mr. Milito attended the University of Notre Dame on an R.O.T.C. scholarship, and received a bachelor's degree in business administration. Mr. Milito then received his juris doctor from Marquette University Law School, where he was a member of the law review.

Mr. Milito has testified about industry efforts related to the Macondo incident before the House Committee on Natural Resources, the House Committee on Science and Technology, the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard, the National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and the National Academy of Engineering Investigation of the Spill. Mr. Milito also has testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee on offshore oil and gas issues, and the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources in hearings related to development of unconventional oil and gas resources. Most recently, Mr. Milito testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee on the agreement between the United States and Mexico to allow development of oil and natural gas resources along the countries maritime border in the Gulf of Mexico that has since been approved by Congress and the President. Mr. Milito has authored and co-authored several papers related to natural resources issues and routinely appears as a keynote and guest speaker on U.S. exploration and development topics.

Mr. Milito formerly served on the Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and on the Board of Directors of the Alexandria, Virginia Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Milito and his wife Elizabeth have four children, William, Helen, Evelyn, and Jacob and live in Alexandria, Virginia.