

2017 WEN Houston - January Kickoff Lunch

Rachel Clingman Bio

Rachel serves as Vice President Legal and General Counsel for BHP Billiton's Petroleum and Minerals-Americas businesses, overseeing a team of attorneys specialized in E&P transactions, business development, regulatory and litigation matters. The Petroleum business includes exploration, development, production and marketing activities in the US Gulf of Mexico, Australia, Trinidad and Tobago, and Onshore US. The Minerals Americas business includes copper, coal and iron ore operations in Chile, the US and Colombia. Rachel's past activities include serving as President of the Women's Energy Network of Houston, the board of the Houston Area Women's Center, and various committees of the United Way. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Political Science from Rice University and a J.D. with honors from The University of Texas School of Law, Rachel spent 22 years in private practice representing energy, chemical, transportation and financial companies. Rachel has handled investigations by and presented witnesses and evidence to Congressional Committees, the Chemical Safety Board, PHMSA, the 2010 President's Commission on the Gulf Oil Spill, and the Department of Justice.

While in private practice, she was recognized one of "45 under 45" top women attorneys in Texas and one of the "Top 250 U.S. Female Litigators." (Benchmark Litigation, 2012). Rachel has a daughter and a son.