

A modern office interior featuring a lounge area with several light-colored chairs and a low table. In the background, there is a hallway with glass-walled offices and a large abstract artwork on the wall. The scene is overlaid with a blue gradient that transitions from a light blue at the top to a darker blue at the bottom.

MERCER CAPITAL

Oil & Gas Qualifications

MERCER CAPITAL

Mercer Capital is a national valuation and financial advisory firm. Clients include private and public companies, financial institutions, high-net worth families, and private equity/hedge funds.

Mercer Capital is an employee-owned business valuation and financial advisory firm serving a diverse and international client base. Business valuation and financial advisory services include ESOP and ERISA valuation services, gift and estate tax valuation, valuation for financial statement reporting purposes, M&A advisory, transaction fairness opinions, and litigation support.

Clients range from public to private, from smaller companies to large multi-nationals in a broad range of industries as well as numerous governmental agencies. In a typical year, we complete approximately 400 engagements, many of which include the valuation of multiple entities.

Our analysts hold a variety of designations including:

- » Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) from the American Society of Appraisers
- » Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) from the CFA Institute
- » Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- » Certified Public Accountant (CPA) from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- » Certified Business Appraiser (CBA) from the Institute of Business Appraisers
- » Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- » Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (MRICS)

Mercer Capital's is a thought-leader in the valuation profession. Our senior professionals have authored books and written extensively in a variety of publications and are frequent speakers at regional and national meetings of professional societies.



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Mercer Capital provides operating companies and financial institutions in a variety of industry sectors with corporate valuation, financial reporting valuation, transaction advisory, litigation support, and related services.

Operating company industry expertise includes:

- » Agribusiness
- » Construction & Building Materials
- » Distribution
- » Food and Beverage
- » Healthcare
- » Hospitality
- » Manufacturing
- » Media and Entertainment
- » Mining
- » Oil and Gas
- » Professional Services
- » Real Estate
- » Retail
- » Sports Franchises
- » Technology
- » Telecommunications
- » Transportation
- » Veterinary Practices

Financial institution industry expertise includes:

- » Asset Management
- » Depository Institutions
- » Business Development Companies
- » Financial Technology
- » Hedge Funds
- » Insurance
- » Private Equity
- » Specialty Finance & Real Estate Companies



OIL & GAS EXPERIENCE

Overview

Mercer Capital has over 20 years experience valuing assets and companies in the oil and gas industry. These companies include large and small exploration and production firms (“E & P”) with assets less than \$100 million dollars to multi-billion dollar transactions.

We have valued companies and minority interests in companies servicing the E&P industry. These include seismic, pipeline, storage, tool manufacturers, companies, etc.

An important part of many of these company valuations are the underlying assets: primarily the oil and gas reserves, i.e. proven producing, proven undeveloped, probables, possibles and raw acreage including both working interests and royalty rights.

We have valued billions of dollars worth of reserves over our careers and have one of the most active valuation practices in America in this arena.



PURPOSES & SUPPORTABILITY

Purposes

These oil and gas related valuations have been utilized to support valuations for IRS Estate and Gift Tax, GAAP accounting, and litigation purposes.

We have performed oil and gas valuations and associated oil and gas reserves domestically throughout the United States and in foreign countries.

Supportability

Our oil and gas valuations have been reviewed and relied on by buyers and sellers and Big 4 Auditors.

Our principals are reliable opinions having had their opinions scrutinized and upheld by the IRS, PCAOB, and State & Federal Courts.



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Don Erickson is a Managing Director at Mercer Capital. Prior to Mercer Capital, Don was the owner of Erickson Partners, a valuation and advisory firm in Dallas, Texas. He was also a former Senior Partner with Ernst & Young LLP's Corporate Finance Practice. He has managed over 1,500 valuation engagements since his entry into the valuation profession in 1972. These engagements have been conducted for the purposes of litigation, merger and acquisition, financing, allocation of purchase price, estate and gift taxes, employee stock ownership trusts, and business planning.

Court Testimony

His testimony has been in support of valuation opinions of business enterprises and intangible assets. He also has testified as to the fair value of stockholder interests as well as economic and financial damages to business interests. His testimony experience has been in deposition and trial in both state and federal cases.

Energy Experience

His experience includes the valuation of companies for transactional analysis, allocation of purchase price, and estate and income tax, and litigation support purposes. He has developed specialized expertise in the energy industry and has performed valuations in the oil and gas exploration, hydrocarbon refining, oil and gas service, power marketing and trading, and oil and gas transportation, pipeline and storage industries.

Education

Don received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Santa Clara and his master of business administration degree from the University of Oregon. He has taken additional courses in investment analysis from the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and real estate appraisal courses from UCLA Extension. Don is a Senior Member of the American Society of Appraisers (ASA), certified in the discipline of Business Valuation, and he is Past National Chairman of the ASA Business Valuation Committee.



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Bryce has managed and been involved in valuations and litigation support work in a diverse range of industries on both a national and international level. He has valued both enterprise and minority stock valuations. Prior to Mercer Capital, he was the Managing Director of Erickson Partners, a valuation and advisory firm. Bryce was also a Senior Financial Analyst for Prudential Capital Group, a leading provider of private capital with a \$34 billion portfolio, in their Dallas office. During his tenure he was an integral member of deal teams that underwrote, structured and closed over a dozen transactions totaling more than \$550 million in committed capital including senior debt, subordinated debt, mezzanine and equity. He also monitored, reviewed and annually performed credit analysis of a \$3 billion portfolio. Before his term at the Prudential Capital Group, he worked at KPMG LLP in their Global Financial Strategies practice in Dallas, Texas.

Energy Experience

Bryce has developed specialized expertise in the energy industry and has performed numerous valuations and capital underwriting in the oil and gas exploration, hydrocarbon refining, oil and gas service, power marketing and trading, and oil and gas transportation, pipeline and storage industries.

Accreditation

Bryce holds the Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) designation from the American Society of Appraisers in Business Valuation. He also holds the MRICS designation from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Education

Bryce received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor University in Economics.



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David Smith, Senior Vice President, has over 20 years of business valuation experience and has been involved with hundreds of valuation and related engagements. He values businesses, business interests, and intangible assets for financial reporting, corporate tax, corporate M&A, employee stock ownership plans, and gift and estate tax purposes. He also provides public and private clients with fair value opinions and related assistance pertaining to goodwill and other intangible assets, stockbased compensation, and illiquid financial assets. Noteworthy industry experience includes financial services, oil and gas, as well as biotechnology.

Prior to joining Mercer Capital, David was a partner at HSSK, LLC, a business valuation, litigation consulting, and financial restructuring firm in Houston, Texas. David began his valuation career in the 1990s with Howard Frazier Barker Elliott, Inc.

Energy Experience

David has developed specialized expertise in the energy industry and has performed numerous valuations in the oil and gas exploration, oil and gas field services, oil and gas equipment, and gathering system and pipeline industries.

Accreditation

David holds the Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) designation from the American Society of Appraisers in Business Valuation. He also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation from The CFA Institute.

Education

David received his MBA from The University of Houston and his Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A&M University in Finance.



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Chris is the founder and CEO of Mercer Capital. He has over 35 years of experience in the financial services industry. He has prepared, overseen, or contributed to more than a thousand valuations for purposes related to M&A, litigation, and tax compliance, among others. Chris has extensive experience in litigation engagements including statutory fair value cases and business damages and lost profits. He is also an expert in buy-sell agreement disputes.

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Matt has over 15 years of valuation and transaction advisory experience. Matt is active in valuations related to asset management firms and also has broad industry experience in insurance, real estate investment ventures, and technology companies accumulated by working with hundreds of client companies during his tenure at Mercer Capital. Matt publishes research related to the asset management industry on the blog *RIA Valuation Insights*.



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Tim leads Mercer Capital's Corporate Valuation Group. He provides valuation and corporate advisory services for purposes including M&A, employee stock ownership plans, profit sharing plans, estate and gift tax planning and compliance matters, limited and general partnerships, corporate planning and reorganizations. In addition, Tim provides litigation support in cases involving dissenting shareholder rights, marital dissolution, tax matters, and other shareholder conflicts. Tim also has extensive experience in working with both sellers and buyers in merger and acquisition advisory engagements. Tim assists clients through all phases of the sales process, from conducting strategic alternatives analysis to determine if selling is indeed the best option, to structuring, negotiating, and closing transactions.

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Bryce leads Mercer Capital's Tax Valuation and Litigation Support team. He has been involved with hundreds of valuation and related engagements. These engagements have been conducted for the purposes of mergers and acquisitions, buyouts, buy-sell agreements, financial reporting, estate and gift taxes, allocation of purchase price, litigation support, financing, and business planning. In addition, he has experience performing lost profits analyses and economic damage studies. He has testified in both state and federal court in support of his opinions. Additionally, he publishes research related to the oil and gas industry and is a regular contributor to Mercer Capital's blog, *Energy Valuation Insights* and the Energy section of *Forbes.com*.



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Andy leads Mercer Capital's Depository Institutions team. He provides valuation and transaction advisory services to financial institutions for purposes including ESOPs, mergers and acquisitions, profit sharing plans, estate and gift tax planning, compliance matters, corporate planning, and financial reporting.

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Scott concentrates his practice in family law litigation (traditional litigated divorce and collaborative divorce) and valuation matters involving a variety of industries. He assists estate planning attorneys in federal and state valuation matters, family law attorneys in divorce matters (including business valuation, forensic accounting, division of marital estate, etc.), and small business owners involving the potential sale of their businesses. Scott has testified in several jurisdictions involving family law matters. In addition, he has testified in tax court. Scott is also a presenter of various valuation and family law topics to attorneys, accountants, and business professionals for the purpose of educating the public.



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Karolina provides valuation and forensics services for family law, gift & estate planning, commercial litigation, transactions (M&A), and further matters related to privately held businesses, dissenting shareholders, intellectual property, personal goodwill, etc. With her forensics accreditation, she provides economic and financial damages studies, asset tracing, lost profits, and lifestyle analysis.

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