

# **Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry Has Reported Multiple Personal Financial Stakes In The Oil And Gas Industry And Has Taken Nearly \$740,000 In Campaign Contributions From The Sector Over The Course Of His Career.**

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**March 24, 2021: Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry Led A Coalition Of 13 States In Filing A Lawsuit Against The Biden Administration Over Its Decision To Suspend New Oil And Gas Leases On Federal Land And Water, As Well As The "Canceled Sales Of Leases In The Gulf Of Mexico, Alaska Waters And Western States."** "Thirteen states sued the Biden administration Wednesday to end a suspension of new oil and gas leases on federal land and water and to reschedule canceled sales of leases in the Gulf of Mexico, Alaska waters and western states. The Republican-leaning states, led by Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, seek a court order ending the moratorium imposed after Democratic President Joe Biden signed executive orders on climate change on Jan. 27." [ABC News, [03/24/21](#)]

- **"In Addition To Louisiana – The Following States Joined In The Lawsuit Filed This Morning In The United States District Court For The Western District Of Louisiana: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, And West Virginia."** [Louisiana Department of Justice, [03/24/21](#)]

**The AGs' Suit Seeks An Order Forcing The Federal Government To Proceed With The Sale Of Oil And Gas Leases On Federal Land In Several States, Including Oil And Gas Leases In The Gulf Of Mexico That Were Canceled Before Their Original March 17, 2021 Sale Date.** "The suit specifically seeks an order that the government go ahead with a sale of oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico that had been scheduled for March 17 until it was canceled; and a lease sale that had been planned for this year in Alaska's Cook Inlet. And it calls for other suspended lease sales to go forward. Sales also have been postponed for federal lands in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma, Nevada and New Mexico." [ABC News, [03/24/21](#)]

**This Lawsuit Was Filed Despite There Currently Being Approximately 23 Million Acres Of Land And Offshore Water With Undeveloped Leases, As Well As Approximately "7,700 Unused Drilling Permits."**

**Despite Their Complaints, These States Are Currently Sitting On Approximately 23 Million Acres Of Land And Offshore Water With Undeveloped Leases, While Oil And Gas Companies Have Approximately "7,700 Unused Drilling Permits."** "Biden's team has argued that companies still have plenty of undeveloped leases — almost 14 million acres (6 million hectares) in western states and more than 9 million

acres (3.6 million hectares) offshore. Companies also have about 7,700 unused drilling permits — enough for years." [ABC News, [03/24/21](#)]

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki: "This [Suspension On Oil And Gas Lease Sales] Will Not Affect Oil And Gas Production Or Jobs For Years To Come." [ABC News, [03/24/21](#)]

**Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry Founded A Contracting Firm That Has Brought In Foreign Workers For Industrial And Natural Gas Projects in Texas And Louisiana – Landry Has Reported Earning Up To A Quarter Million Dollars From The Company Just Since 2015.**

### **Jeff Landry Reported Owning 100% Of Evergreen Contractors LLC, A Firm That Garnered Him As Much As \$255,000 In Income From 2015 To 2018**

In A Financial Disclosure For Calendar Year 2019, Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry Reported That He Held A 100% In Evergreen Contractors, Based In Broussard, LA. [Jeff Landry Tier 1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, Louisiana Board of Ethics, [05/14/20](#)]

**Landry Created Evergreen Contractors In 2001 And Reported Making As Much As \$255,000 From The Firm From 2015 To 2018.** "Evergreen Contractors LLC, a company Jeff Landry created in late 2011 during his first year as a U.S. congressman. Landry has listed himself as the firm's sole owner since 2015. A longtime Landry business associate, Juan Castillo, signs paperwork as president or vice president. Benjamin Landry, Jeff Landry's brother, has represented the firm in legal filings. In state ethics filings, Jeff Landry — who is paid \$110,000 a year as attorney general — says Evergreen made him a total of somewhere between \$125,000 and \$255,000 over four years, from 2015 to 2018." [Nola, [02/14/20](#)]

"Jeff Landry became Louisiana Attorney General on January 11, 2016." [Louisiana Attorney General, accessed [02/24/21](#)]

### **In 2017, Evergreen Contractors Was Paid Millions For A "Massive" Liquid Natural Gas Project For Which It Brought In Hundreds Of Foreign Workers After It Partnered With A Labor Broker Who Later Faced A Three-Year Federal Sentence For Visa Fraud.**

**Landry And His Brother Requested Federal Permission To "Bring In Hundreds Of Mexican Welders And Pipefitters To Work On Industrial Projects In Texas And Louisiana," Including A "Massive" Liquid Natural Gas Project , After They Partnered With A Labor Broker Who Was Sentenced To Three Years In Federal Prison For Visa Fraud.** "Landry and his brother, Benjamin, sought federal permission to bring in hundreds of Mexican welders and pipefitters to work on industrial projects in Texas and Louisiana — including the massive Cameron LNG project in Hackberry — after partnering with Marco Pesquera, a Houston labor broker who's now serving a three-year stint in federal prison for visa fraud." [Nola, [03/07/20](#)]

**Evergreen Contractors Was Paid "Millions Of Dollars" For Its Work On The Liquid Natural Gas Project—And Landry Did Not Dispute A Claim That No American Workers Were Hired For The Project, As Of March 7, 2020.** "A company wholly owned by Jeff Landry, Evergreen Contractors LLC, was ultimately paid millions of dollars for work on the Cameron LNG project. Pesquera said no American workers were hired on the project, a contention Landry and his spokespeople have carefully avoided addressing." [Nola, [03/07/20](#)]

**Evergreen Contractors Was Accused Of Illegally Operating Without A State License As It Furnished Foreign Workers Under Temporary Work Visas That Appeared To Have “False Assertions And Fudged Records”— Even As Landry “Railed Against Loose Borders And Lax Immigration Policies.”**

**Evergreen Contractors LLC Illegally Operated Without A State License And Potentially Pulled In Millions Of Dollars Through Providing Foreign Workers Under Temporary Work Visas For Louisiana Job Sites.** “A company owned by state Attorney General Jeff Landry had far exceeded Louisiana’s \$50,000 work limit for contractors to operate legally without a state license when he finally applied for one, in June 2018. By then, the Landry-owned Evergreen Contractors LLC had pulled in hundreds of thousands of dollars -- and possibly millions -- furnishing Mexican welders and pipefitters under temporary work visas for job sites in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, records show.” [Nola.com, [02/29/20](#)]

- **Although It Appeared To Be A “Clear-Cut Violation Of Law,” It Was Unclear If State Or Federal Officials Were Investigating Evergreen Contractors, As Of Late February 2020.** “But despite what appears to be a clear-cut violation of law, it remains unclear whether state or federal authorities are investigating the matter. The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors can fine and punish firms for failing to obtain proper licenses, and it sanctions hundreds of firms each year. But Brad Hassert, the board’s director of compliance, declined to say whether Landry’s firm is under investigation, citing a board policy.” [Nola.com, [02/29/20](#)]

**The Violation Was A Misdemeanor Under Louisiana Law, Punishable By Up To \$500 A Day Or Three Months In Jail.** “Operating without such a license when required is also a crime; state law regards it as a misdemeanor punishable by up to \$500 a day or three months in jail. Landry, the state’s top law enforcement officer, has not offered any explanation for why Evergreen didn’t have the required license.” [Nola.com, [02/29/20](#)]

**Visa Documents Filed By Evergreen And Two Of Landry’s Other Firms Appeared To Have “False Assertions And Fudged Records.”** “In addition to Evergreen’s lack of licenses, several submissions by that firm and two others owned by Landry and his brother to federal officials for approval of those visas appear to include false assertions and fudged records, a recent investigation by the Times-Picayune and The Advocate found.” [Nola.com, [02/29/20](#)]

**Landry Had “Railed Against Loose Borders And Lax Immigration Policies During His Four Years As The State’s Top Lawman.”** “Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, who has railed against loose borders and lax immigration policies during his four years as the state’s top lawman, went into business in 2017 with a Houston labor broker named Marco Pesquera, who had become rich by helping his clients defraud the immigration system to import more than 1,000 Mexican laborers to the Gulf South.” [Nola, [02/14/20](#)]

**Jeff Landry Has Reported Other Financial Interests In Oil And Gas As Well, Including Up To \$99,996 In Industry Investments, A 100% Stake In A Staffing Firm That Serves The Industry, And A 50% Stake In A Now-Defunct Consulting Firm Registered To Landry’s Chief Deputy AG.**

**Jeff Landry Has Disclosed That He And/Or His Spouse Held Up To \$99,996 In Oil And Gas Investments In His Latest Financial Disclosure.**

**In His 2019 Financial Disclosure, Jeff Landry Reported That He And His Spouse Hold Between \$5,000 And \$24,999 In Gstar Exploration, Inc., An “Independent Energy Co.”** [Jeff Landry Tier 1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, Louisiana Board of Ethics, [05/14/20](#)]

**In His 2019 Financial Disclosure, Jeff Landry Reported That He And His Spouse Hold Between \$5,000 And \$24,999 In Northern Oil & Gases, A “Crude Oil + Natural Gas” Company.** [Jeff Landry Tier 1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, Louisiana Board of Ethics, [05/14/20](#)]

**In His 2019 Financial Disclosure, Jeff Landry Reported That He And His Spouse Hold Between \$5,000 And \$24,999 In “Investo DB Multi Sector Commodity,” An “Oil Fund.”** [Jeff Landry Tier 1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, Louisiana Board of Ethics, [05/14/20](#)]

**In His 2019 Financial Disclosure, Jeff Landry Reported That His Spouse Held Between \$5,000 And \$24,999 In “Canacol Energy LTD COM New (CNN EF).”** [Jeff Landry Tier 1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, Louisiana Board of Ethics, [05/14/20](#)]

- **Canacol Is “The Largest Independent Onshore Conventional Natural Gas Exploration And Production Company In Colombia.”** “Canacol is the largest independent onshore conventional natural gas exploration and production company in Colombia, supplying approximately 25%<sup>2</sup> of the country’s gas needs.” [Canacol Energy Ltd., accessed [02/25/21](#)]

**Jeff Landry Reported A 100% Stake In Prime Environmental Resources, A Staffing Firm That Includes A Dedicated LLC Created In 2018 “To Fill [...] A Growing Gap In Oil & Gas Production Operations & Maintenance Industry.”**

**In His 2019 Financial Disclosure, Jeff Landry Reported A 100% Stake In Prime Environmental Resources, Inc, Located At 720 St. Nazaire, Broussard, LA 70518.** [Jeff Landry Tier 1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, Louisiana Board of Ethics, [05/14/20](#)]

**Prime Resources Management Group, Located At 720 Saint Nazaire Road Broussard, LA 70518, Includes Prime Energy Resources, LLC, Which Was Formed In 2018 “To Fill [...] A Growing Gap In Oil & Gas Production Operations & Maintenance Industry.”** “Prime Energy Resources, LLC was created in 2018 to fill what we believe is a growing gap in Oil & Gas Production Operations & Maintenance Industry. We are a small contract service provider on a first name basis with all of our employees where no one is known as simply their employee number. In addition, at Prime we make each of our clients a priority, regardless of their size or ‘profit potential’.” [Prime Resources Management Group, accessed [02/25/21](#)]

- **Prime Energy Resources LLC Is Part Of Prime Resources Management Group, A Staffing Firm For “All Industries” Formed In 2008.** “Prime Resources Management Group is a locally owned business which was established in 2008. We are based in Broussard, Louisiana, and services all areas of the United States with a concentration on the Gulf Coast. We provide services to all industries, including agriculture, environmental, petroleum, and construction.” [Prime Resources Management Group, accessed [02/25/21](#)]

**Jeff Landry Disclosed A 50% Stake In A Now-Defunct Consulting Firm That Was Registered To Louisiana Chief Deputy Attorney General Wilbur Stiles, Who Vowed Aggressive Opposition To Biden’s Environmental Executive Orders.**

**In His 2019 Financial Disclosure, Jeff Landry Reported A 50% Stake In Backwater Advisory, A Consulting Firm Located At 720 St. Nazaire, Broussard, LA 70518.** [Jeff Landry Tier 1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, Louisiana Board of Ethics, [05/14/20](#)]

**Backwater Advisory Group, LLC, Located At 720 St. Nazaire Road, Broussard, LA 70518, Was Registered To Wilbur L. Stiles, III—The Firm’s Registration Was Revoked On October 2, 2020.** [Backwater Advisory Group, L.L.C. Business Filing, Louisiana Secretary of State, accessed [02/25/21](#)]

**Wilbur Stiles III Has Been Louisiana’s Chief Deputy Attorney General Since January 2016.** “Our intent is to compel the Army Corps of Engineers to properly maintain this waterway, which is a critical piece of

infrastructure impacting Louisiana's coastal zone,' Chief Deputy Attorney General Wilbur Stiles III told *Louisiana Record*. 'The failure to do so is contributing to coastal erosion and land loss.'" [The Louisiana Record, [04/10/19](#)]

- **Wilbur Stiles Has Been Louisiana's Chief Deputy Attorney General Since January 2016.** [LinkedIn Profile for Wilbur Stiles, accessed [02/25/21](#)]

**In Response To President Biden's Environmental Executive Orders, Including A Moratorium Against Drilling On Federal Land And Water, Wilbur Stiles Said "His Office Is Preparing To Take A More Aggressive Stance By Suing To Stop Some Of The Executive Actions."** "Offshore oil exploration can go hand-in-hand with President Joe Biden's stated goals of reducing carbon emissions and fighting climate change, Louisiana officials argued Wednesday. State government and business leaders said they are deeply concerned about the federal government's current 60-day moratorium on oil production on federal land and water, and about what regulations will be imposed on the industry after the moratorium ends. For Louisiana, the main concerns have to do with offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. [...] Chief Deputy Attorney General Wilbur Stiles said his office is preparing to take a more aggressive stance by suing to stop some of the executive actions. He urged legislators to provide enough funding for his office to support that effort." [KTBS 3, [02/11/21](#)]

## **Landry Has Received Nearly \$740,000 In Campaign Contributions From The Oil And Gas Industry.**

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Landry Has Received \$736,682 In Political Contributions From The Oil And Gas Industry. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [03/24/21](#)]

### **Cox Oil, The Operator Of Drilling Assets In The Gulf Of Mexico And In The Shallow Waters Of The Louisiana Coast, Has Donated At Least \$25,000 To Jeff Landry's Political Campaigns.**

Cox Oil Has Donated At Least \$25,000 To Louisiana AG Jeff Landry's Political Campaigns. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [01/27/21](#)]

**Cox Oil Operates Drilling Assets In The Gulf Of Mexico, Including "More Than 600 Producing Wells From Approximately 500 Structures Over 66 Fields With Daily Production Of Approximately 85,000 BOE."** "Cox is a privately-held entity that owns and operates assets in the Gulf of Mexico and was founded by fourth generation oilman, Brad E. Cox. Cox has grown through enhanced development of production and reserves in existing assets along with strategic acquisitions. [...] The Company currently operate more than 600 producing wells from approximately 500 structures over 66 fields with daily production of approximately 85,000 BOE." [Cox Operating LLC, accessed [02/01/21](#)]

- **"Cox's Assets Are Located In Both The OCS In The Gulf Of Mexico And The Shallow Waters Off The Coast Of Louisiana."** [Cox Operating LLC, accessed [02/01/21](#)]

### **Additionally, Gray Oil & Gas Co. And Gulf Logistics Operating—Which Focuses On Oil And Gas Shipping—Have Together Given \$93,800 To Landry's Campaigns.**

Gray Oil & Gas Co. Has Given \$22,500 To Landry's Political Campaigns. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [01/27/21](#)]

**Gulf Logistics Operating Has Given \$17,500 To Landry's Political Campaigns.** [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [01/27/21](#)]

- **Gulf Logistics Operating Focuses On Operating A Fleet Of Ships For The Oil And Gas Industry.** "Gulf Logistics, located in Larose, Louisiana, operates a fleet of offshore workboats in the Gulf of Mexico oil and gas industry. Our vessels support a multitude of projects for companies engaging in oil and gas exploration and production." [Gulf Logistics, accessed [02/16/21](#)]

**Magnus J. Arceneaux III, Managing Operating Partner Of Oil And Gas-Focused C&G Boats Inc., Has Given \$18,800 To Landry's Political Campaigns.** [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [01/27/21](#)]

- **Magnus J. Arceneaux III Is Managing Operating Partner Of C&G Boats, Which Specializes In Oil And Gas Transport.** "C & G Boats, Inc. is a marine transportation company which specializes in services to support oil and gas operators and other customers with marine support transportation needs in the U. S Gulf of Mexico, both on the shelf and in deep water. [...] In January 1993, the two founders joined forces with Magnus J. Arceneaux, III ('Joey') who was brought in as a managing operating partner." [C&G Boats Inc., accessed [02/16/21](#)]

**Garrett H. (Hank) Danos, President, CEO, And Chairman Of Oil And Gas Firm Danos Has Given \$17,500 To Landry's Political Campaigns.** [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [01/27/21](#)]

- **Danos Builds Maintains, And Operates Oil And Gas Assets.** "Danos [...] Building, maintaining and operating oil and gas assets since 1947. Oil & Energy [...] Gray, Louisiana" [Linkedin Profile for Danos, accessed [02/16/21](#)]

**Thomas LeBlanc Sr., President And CEO Of Paws Energy Services, Has Given \$17,500 To Landry's Political Campaigns.** [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed [01/27/21](#)]

- **Tommy LeBlanc Is President And CEO Of Paws Energy Services.** [LinkedIn Profile for Tommy LeBlanc, accessed [02/16/21](#)]
- **Paws Energy Services Is An Oil And Gas Rental Equipment Company.** "Paws Energy Services, Inc. is an Oil and Gas rental equipment company that is the leader in pipe sling management for offshore drilling and production operations." [Paws Energy Services, accessed [02/16/21](#)]