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Before joining Devon, Bill had an extensive career in the independent E&P sector involving public affairs, government relations and oil and gas marketing.

Bill came to Devon in 2008 from his position as president of the American Exploration & Production Council, the national trade association representing the largest U.S. independents.

Previous positions included director, Government Affairs, for one of the world’s largest law firms. Bill had also been vice president of worldwide Marketing and Public Affairs for U.S. independent Oryx Energy Company, a spin-off from Sun Company (the Sun Oil/Sunoco parent). At Sun, Bill had been Director of Legislative Affairs. Before his energy career, he was chief of staff for a U.S. senator and a legislative assistant in the Senate and House of Representatives.



Prior to his government service, Bill was a CBS News Fellow at Columbia University, then formed and directed the Montana Television Network news organization. He received his doctorate in Public Administration from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he then taught graduate level courses in public policy formulation and federal institutions.

Dr. Whitsitt is active with key energy-related organizations. A former chairman of the Communications Committee of America’s Natural Gas Alliance, he was instrumental in the design and launch of its national communications research and advertising programs. He currently leads important regional and state advocacy and educational programs designed to protect and improve the business and policy environments in which Devon and its counterparts operate. He is also a trustee of the Greater Montana Foundation.