



Renato T. Bertani

**President and CEO
Thompson & Knight Global Energy Services, LLC**

Renato T. Bertani holds a Ph.D. in Sedimentary Geology and Geochemistry from the University of Illinois, USA. He has over 30 years of international experience in exploration and production projects in several Latin American countries (particularly Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia, and Argentina), West Africa, UK, and the USA Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Bertani took over in March 2007 as President and CEO of Thompson & Knight Global Energy Services, LLC, a subsidiary of Thompson & Knight LLP dedicated to rendering business development and portfolio management services to the energy industry.

He previously served as President of Petrobras America, Inc., a subsidiary of the Brazilian state oil company based in Houston, where he was responsible for a very successful investment plan and the construction of a valuable portfolio of exploration and production assets, as well as the company's acquisition and planned expansion of a major refinery in Pasadena, Texas. Mr. Bertani dedicated over 30 years of professional and managerial services to Petrobras, having occupied several high level management positions, among them Director of International E&P activities and Managing Director of Petrobras UK.

Mr. Bertani is Vice President of the World Petroleum Council, responsible for the technical program for the next World Petroleum Congress being held in Madrid in 2008, and President of the Brazil Texas Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the advisory board of the Center for International Studies at St. Thomas University in Houston, Texas, and the Board of Trustees of The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

B. Sci. in Geology, Federal University of the Rio Grande do Sul State, Brazil; Graduation Date: April 7, 1976

M. Sci. in Geology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois – USA; Graduation Date: January 15, 1983

Ph.D. in Geology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois-USA; Graduation Date: January 15, 1984

WORK EXPERIENCE

March 2007 – Present

President and CEO of Thompson & Knight Global Energy Services, LLC, a company dedicated to rendering business development and portfolio management services to the energy industry.

September 2001 – December 2006

President of Petrobras America Inc, an American subsidiary of the Petrobras Group engaged in E&P in the Gulf of Mexico and refining and trading of petroleum and petroleum products.

January 1998 – September 2001

Managing Director of Petrobras UK Limited, a British subsidiary of the Petrobras Group. In this position, Mr. Bertani was in charge of managing all petroleum E&P activities of Petrobras UK in the North Sea, as well as supervising trading of petroleum and petroleum products.

December 1988 – December 1997

Initially **Exploration and New Ventures Manager**, and from 1992, **Director for Petroleum Exploration and Production of Petrobras Internacional SA**, a subsidiary of the Petrobras Group in charge of all E&P activities outside Brazil.

March 1976 – November 1988

Several **technical and managerial positions with Petrobras** in Brazil, where he was involved in exploration and oil field development in several onshore and offshore sedimentary basins.