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James Coleman is an assistant professor at Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. His scholarship addresses regulation of international energy companies, focusing on energy trade and transport. Courses taught by Professor Coleman include Oil & Gas, Energy Law, Corporations, Energy Management, Regulatory Theory, International Energy Development, and International Petroleum Transactions.

Professor Coleman's research focuses on how to respond to increased scrutiny of investment in pipelines, power transmission, and liquefied natural gas. He examines regulation of imported fuel and electricity that is based on how it was produced elsewhere, a mode of regulation that is becoming increasingly common in many forms including low carbon fuel standards and environmental assessments of energy transport projects. Finally, Professor Coleman analyzes how global energy companies respond to competing pressures from investors and regulators in multiple jurisdictions employing different corporate law standards.

Before moving to Texas, Professor Coleman was an assistant professor at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law and Haskayne School of Business and served on the faculty of Harvard Law School as a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University in Biology, magna cum laude with highest honors in field, and his J.D. from Harvard Law School, cum laude. After law school, Professor Coleman clerked for the Honorable Steven M. Colloton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and practiced energy, environmental, and appellate law at Sidley Austin LLP in Washington D.C.