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EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS
Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, 1995
Texas Law Review

RICE UNIVERSITY, HOUSTON, TEXAS
Bachelors of Science in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, 1993

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

December 2005 – Present

Oil & Gas Company – Senior Counsel

Provided legal support for all aspects of the company, including managing the litigation docket, drafting master service agreements, drafting assignment agreements, and providing legal advice on various HR issues and business operations involving oil and gas exploration and production activities.

August 1995 – November 2005

Law Firm – Senior Associate

Focused legal practice on a range of business litigation matters, including commercial disputes involving breach of contract, fraud, negligence, deceptive trade practices, tortious interference with contract, and breach of fiduciary duty. Handled numerous oil and gas matters, including disputes involving production sharing contracts, joint operation agreements, joint venture agreements, royalty issues, condemnation of real property, and lease agreements. Additionally, represented clients defending securities claims actions based on the conduct of independent registered representatives and argues a related matter to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

- Seconded to Oil and Gas Company for 6 months. Reported directly to their General Counsel and assisted in managing its litigation docket.
- First chaired 10 cases to jury verdicts
- First chaired a commercial arbitration hearing involving a contractual dispute
- Second chaired an arbitration hearing involving a joint venture agreement related to the exploration and production of oil in the United States
- Third chaired 2 cases to jury verdict, including a case involving obligations pursuant to a stock purchase agreement and another involving an insurance defense matter.
- Briefed and argued before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

- Mediated over 12 cases, including handling, as sole attorney a mediation in Connecticut
- Deposed over 200 witnesses, including company executive officers and technical experts in the fields of oil and gas exploration and production, reservoir engineering, accounting, business disparagement, and business valuation
- Examined over 70 witnesses at trial and arbitration
- Conducted over 20 contested hearings

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Member, Texas Bar Association and Houston Bar Association

“Rising Star” for civil litigation defense – Texas Monthly Magazine (2001, 2004, 2008)

Volunteer, Dress for Success Houston and Habitat for Humanity Houston