

# Texas Litigation

Experienced Litigators

King & Spalding's Texas litigators try high-exposure, mission-critical cases across the United States and internationally — from the most complex business and construction disputes to toxic tort and product liability matters to catastrophic injuries and wrongful death claims to IP disputes. Our lawyers handle these matters in court and in arbitration in some of the most dangerous venues in the country. We have handled vast and overlapping discovery obligations, navigated thorny legal theories and claims, tackled complex technical issues, and managed difficult facts.

Our seasoned lawyers help businesses minimize the risk and losses involved in litigation using our unusual combination of big-firm resources, extensive trial experience, and a diversity of backgrounds, including CPAs, engineers, CEOs, and government lawyers.

Our team is nationally recognized for our extensive litigation experience. Our business litigators routinely handle complex business disputes involving transactions, energy, construction projects and securities. Our tort lawyers frequently serve as national trial counsel in disputes involving thousands of claimants and high exposure. And our intellectual property litigators regularly protect our clients' patent and trademark rights in courts, before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and before the International Trade Commission.

King & Spalding Named a "Litigation Powerhouse" by *Law360*

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The arbitration team produces "consistently excellent work."

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### LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS AND CULTURE

Our litigators have a broad network of proven local counsel across the nation, as well as support from experienced appellate attorneys. We have extensive relationships with top experts across all disciplines and across the country.

Our culture is collaborative — we work well with each other, with our co-counsel and with opposing parties. We value efficiency and strive to find resourceful, creative solutions to complex problems. When our opponents are unreasonable and efforts to amicably resolve disputes fail, we have the skills, resources, experience and eagerness to successfully defend the most complex and dangerous of cases.

We place great emphasis on client service and delivering value and consider those to be critical aspects of our relationships to clients.

### REPRESENTATIVE ENERGY MATTERS

Our Texas litigators' energy experience covers all segments of the industry. Below are some recent matters on which we have represented energy clients:

- Lead counsel for downstream unit of oil and gas company in a coordinated docket of more than 30 cases alleging drinking water contamination and pending in California state court. We have successfully tried several months-long trials in these matters.
- Lead counsel for upstream oil and gas company in several lawsuits filed by local municipalities in California and New York, alleging that oil and gas operations have caused climate change.
- National counsel for oilfield services company's hydraulic fracturing related matters in Texas, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.
- Lead counsel for upstream oil and gas company in dispute with operator over development of large gas processing facility in the North Slope region of Alaska.
- Lead counsel for upstream large oil and gas company in a dispute with the purchaser of oil and gas assets regarding entitlement to foreign tax credits.

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- Lead counsel for several upstream oil and gas companies in federal royalty disputes and private mineral lessor class actions.
- Lead counsel for upstream oil and gas company in a dispute regarding the application of a preferential right of first refusal to oil and gas transaction.
- Lead counsel for oilfield services company in arbitration with oil and gas company regarding the provision of hydraulic fracturing services.
- Lead counsel for upstream oil and gas company in arbitration involving early redelivery of tanker vessel chartered to transport crude oil from platforms offshore of Peru to local refineries.
- Lead counsel for upstream unit of oil and gas company in a coordinated docket of more than 50 environmental contamination cases pending in Louisiana. We have successfully tried several jury trials against allegations that historical oilfield operations contaminated plaintiff's property.
- Lead bankruptcy counsel for upstream and midstream units of oil and gas company that is a creditor in bankruptcy cases filed by other oil and gas companies. Our work has involved litigating creditor rights, developing strategies to maximize recoveries from these bankruptcy estates, and mitigating the risk of "boomerang" abandonment liabilities both onshore and offshore related to prior lease assets.
- Lead counsel for midstream unit oil and gas company in arbitration involving the ownership of certain pipeline assets and associated environmental liabilities.
- Lead counsel for construction contractor in dispute involving the construction of several pipelines in Louisiana and whether certain events constitute force majeure under the EPC agreement.
- Lead counsel for upstream oil and gas company involved in international arbitration in which the Republic of Ecuador was claiming in excess of \$2.5 billion in environmental damages from historic oil and gas operations.
- Lead counsel for downstream unit of oil and gas company in mass tort litigation involving thousands of plaintiffs arising out of a fire at a refining facility in California.
- Lead counsel for trading unit of oil and gas company in mass tort litigation arising out an explosion at a refined products tank farm in Puerto Rico.

### REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
- ConocoPhillips Company
- Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- Cooper Industries
- The Dow Chemical Company
- Motiva
- GE Oil & Gas
- Halliburton
- Lincoln Electric Company
- Oxy USA, Inc.
- Shell Oil Company
- Union Carbide Corporation
- EXCO Resources
- Keane Frac LP

We represent these clients and others in a variety of matters, including:

- Engineering defects
- Industrial explosions/fires
- Oilfield contamination
- Plant emissions
- Well control events
- Oil pollution
- Pipeline/UST contamination
- NAESB disputes
- Product defect and breach of warranty claims
- Various toxic exposures (asbestos, benzene, butadiene, pesticides, NORM, silica, ethylene dichloride, lead, and vinyl chloride, to name a few)

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