

Representative Legal Matters

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- Forced multiple dismissals of USD 10 billion to USD 22 billion claims against international oil companies and arising out of major oil discoveries offshore Kazakhstan. Between 2003 and 2013, three separate cases were filed in three different US federal courts, each with separate allegations. All were dismissed.
- Successfully defended multinational chemical companies in a lengthy jury trial involving an USD 800 million economic espionage and trade secrets claims.
- Obtained a defense jury verdict for integrated energy companies in an oil and gas dispute involving oil concessions offshore Abu Dhabi, UAE, and damages in excess of USD 100 million.
- Successfully defended state owned oil companies against claims seeking USD 440 million arising out of a USD 6 billion LNG project in Indonesia.
- Secured a no liability jury verdict on behalf of a producer of natural gas in a USD 33 million royalty owner case filed by an independent oil and gas company.
- Obtained another zero jury verdict on behalf of a natural gas producer in a USD 30 million fraud and contract action filed by a publicly traded holding company.
- Acted as lead counsel for a Spanish banking family in their high profile, billion-dollar case against a Texas bank holding company and its attorneys. In one of the largest and most successful lender liability cases ever filed, the clients received properties, debt forgiveness and cash valued well into nine figures.
- Led the effort by a dozen major oil companies to consolidate pretrial proceedings in 36 oil and gas property tax cases pending throughout Texas. Cases ultimately dismissed.
- Represented a former US Treasury Secretary and Senator and family in resolving environmental issues with the major oil company operator on his family's producing properties.
- Obtained a directed verdict and dismissal on behalf of one co-generation developer sued for over USD 100 million and successfully defended another in a delay claim concerning the construction of a USD 120 million co-generation plant.
- Represented the 225,000 member class in the country's largest electric co-op and obtained USD 30 million rebates, complete restructuring of the Board and US congressional hearings into corporate governance abuses among electric co-ops. Received a directed verdict against a USD 14 million fraud and contract action filed by a drilling contractor.

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- During the jury trial, forced the dismissal of a client's USD 20 million securities fraud case involving the cutting horse industry.
- Set aside an injunction and obtained a multimillion dollar settlement on behalf of an international investor in a fraud and duress case arising out of a USD 100 million Cayman Trust and business interests located in London, Paris, Geneva, Beirut, Grand Cayman and Houston.
- Preventive defense of a large, international accounting firm in connection with billion dollar class action securities fraud cases. Claims settled without the client's joinder.
- Obtained a multimillion dollar jury verdict against a major bank on civil conspiracy and fraud claims arising out of construction receivables financing.
- Secured a seven-figure settlement for London and Kuwait-based companies in an oil and gas securities fraud case against a French merchant bank and a Texas conglomerate.
- On behalf of supermajor oil company, secured a minimal defense settlement in a multimillion dollar defamation and interference case that arose out of a USD 3 billion tax trial involving tar sands issues.
- Obtained a multimillion dollar settlement from a global telecommunications company in a case involving a joint venture to create a hybrid fiber optic cable and broadband wireless network.
- Forced the dismissal of a USD 100 million take or pay case in South Texas for a gas transmission company.
- Forced a minimal defense settlement on behalf of a national environmental engineering firm in highly publicized environmental and mass toxic tort litigation arising out of the construction of the USD 180 million Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.
- Provided comprehensive risk analysis, strategic recommendations and interpretations of Latin American law to a supermajor oil company faced with billion dollar litigation involving thousands of toxic tort claims filed by foreign agriculture workers.
- Preventive defense of a publicly traded oil and gas company accused of securities fraud with respect to its proven reserves. Claims resolved prior to suit.
- Forced a defense settlement and sanctions against the plaintiffs while defending the American CEO and EVP of a large, Saudi Arabian rice processing facility against breach of fiduciary duty claims.
- Forced the dismissal of a USD 13 million royalty owner case.
- Represented candidate for Texas statewide office concerning campaign disclosures of business interests. Candidate was elected to high office.
- Represented a Vancouver-based forest products conglomerate and its foreign steel trading subsidiary in the successful defense of wrongful termination and defamation claims made by a former CEO.

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- On behalf of a Houston law firm, obtained a no liability jury verdict in a multimillion dollar legal malpractice case.
- Successfully defended lender liability actions brought against major financial institutions by obtaining a directed verdict after trial or a dismissal before trial.
- Secured cost of defense settlements in three well publicized whistleblower cases on behalf of a large state university and its Athletic Department.
- Obtained a multimillion dollar settlement for a minority shareholder during the jury trial against a large lumber company in a case involving plant shutdowns and death threats.
- Represented the independent executor of a large, West Texas estate involving hundreds of producing oil and gas properties in its civil conspiracy and tortious interference action against an estate beneficiary and the resulting multimillion dollar settlement.
- In complex construction matters, obtained defense arbitration awards on behalf of a national retailer and a major surety and has successfully prosecuted substantial claims on behalf of a large steel manufacturer and a nationwide owner and operator of hotels.