



## Jack M. Erskine, Jr

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## OVERVIEW

Jack Erskine's practice consists primarily of legislative representation and administrative law. He has successfully represented companies in the technology, healthcare, manufacturing, and service sectors in matters before the legislature and administrative agencies. He has advised companies on procurement matters as well as strategic planning. Jack has a long history of involvement in the development of tax legislation, having been involved in all major tax debates dating back to 1977.

Jack joined the firm in 1994 after 17 years of service with Amoco Corporation as senior government affairs representative, where he was ultimately responsible for all legislative and political activities for the parent corporation and subsidiaries, including those involving exploration and production, refining and marketing, chemicals, pipeline, research and development, marine transport and waste disposal in Texas and New Mexico. From 1976-1978, he was an attorney in the state government affairs section of Dupont's legal department. Jack was also associated with Alan M. Voorhees and Associates, where he was responsible for legal and political issues involved in transportation and environmental planning studies.

Jack's practice consists primarily of legislative representation and administrative law. He was instrumental in the formulation and passage of Proposition 2, which exempted pollution control equipment from property taxation. In addition to working with building the coalition that insured its passage by the legislature, he was deeply involved in the statewide campaign for voter approval.

He was also the architect of the Oil Field Clean-up Fund, which created an industry-supported fund that is dedicated to the plugging of the State's 48,000 abandoned oil and gas wells and the sites upon which they are located. It has become the model legislation for the states and has been adopted in many jurisdictions since its passage in Texas.

### Areas of Emphasis

- Legislative representation
- Administrative law
- Energy industry

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Jack was listed in the 2012-2017 editions of the *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of government relations.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Board of Directors, The 100 Club of Central Texas

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1973
- B.A., Texas Christian University, 1971

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 1 November 2018, State Bytes: A Stateside Podcast
- 2 July 2015, K&L Gates Texas Environmental Legislative Review

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 8 January 2024, K&L Gates Expands Public Policy and Law Practice in Texas with Austin Partner Addition
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 18 October 2021, K&L Gates Continues Growth of Intellectual Property Practice with Addition of Trademarks Partner in Austin
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

- 26 April 2021, K&L Gates Further Bolsters Health Care Practice with Austin Partner Addition
- 2 December 2020, The Texas Economy and the Budget: What Lies Ahead
- 14 October 2020, Texas and the 2020 Election: What's in Store for Texas?
- 9 July 2019, K&L Gates Bolsters IP Practice with Addition of Four-Lawyer Austin Team
- 10 August 2016, K&L Gates Grows Public Policy Practice with Hire of Texas Governor's Budget Director in Austin Office
- 16 July 2015, K&L Gates Bolsters Labor & Employment Practice with Immigration Partner Addition in Texas
- 4 May 2015, K&L Gates Adds Environmental, Administrative Law Trio in Austin Office

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- American Indian Law
- Government and Public Procurement
- Oil and Gas
- Power