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OVERVIEW

Jamie Bryan is a partner in the Fort Worth and Houston offices and is the practice group coordinator for the Oil, Gas, and Resources practice group. Jamie concentrates her practice on the oil and gas industry in both the upstream and midstream sector and complex multi-district litigation. For more than 20 years, she has focused on a broad range of energy issues including royalty disputes, lease termination issues, surface use issues, municipal ordinances, environmental claims, right to take challenges, and eminent domain. Jamie has tried cases before both juries and the bench on a wide variety of complex litigation issues. Jamie maintains a specialized practice in the area of energy litigation and eminent domain, having represented numerous midstream energy clients and other condemning authorities in a variety of matters involving acquisitions, easement negotiations, condemnation proceedings, challenges to their right to take, and subsequent trials. She also counsels clients on policy issues, best practices and litigation avoidance.

She is a frequent author and presenter on issues impacting the oil and gas industry, including eminent domain. Jamie is also active in the Fort Worth community and focuses on mentoring women in the energy industry.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Jamie was a shareholder at another Texas law firm for seven years. In addition, she was associate and then partner in the firm's Dallas and Fort Worth offices from 2000-2011.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized and rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in the area of oil and gas law, 2018-2022
- Recognized as a Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America, The Trial Lawyer Honorary Society, 2019-2022
- Recognized in the "We've Come a Long Way – Celebrating Top Women in the North Texas Oil & Gas Industry" exhibit, Hamon Oil and Gas Resource Center at the Dallas Public Library, 2017
- Women in Energy Law Award, Texas Lawyer, 2016

- Winning Women In Texas, Texas Lawyer, 2011
- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters, 2004-2014
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2014-2022
- 40 Under 40, Fort Worth Business Press, 2010
- Tarrant County's Top Attorneys, Fort Worth, Texas, 2011-2022
- The College of the State Bar of Texas, 2003-2020
- Adjunct Professor, TCU Neely School of Business, Critical Concepts In Oil and Gas Law and Negotiating the Oil and Gas Lease, 2011-2014
- Sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association; CLE Committee (Co-Chair, 2008)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (Fellow, 2005-present)
- Dallas Bar Association Judiciary Committee (Co-Chair, 2004-2007); Leadership Class (2002)
- The College of the State Bar of Texas (2003-present)
- Tarrant County Bar Association (Chair, Energy Section, 2011-2021)
- Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court (Associate Member, 2006)
- Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court (Barrister, 2009-2012)
- Adjunct Professor, TCU Tandy Center Petroleum Land Management Certification
- Ladies On The Lamb, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (Treasurer, 2014-Present)
- Women's Energy Network- North Texas Chapter Public Relations Director (2016, 2017)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Eminent Domain CLE/Pipeline Takings: Common Carrier Issues (July 2019)
- Negotiations: The Ethical Dilemma, State Bar of Texas Oil and Gas Disputes (January 2019)
- Royalty Litigation Trends, 69th Annual Oil and Gas Law Conference (February 2018)
- Texas Property Code and Eminent Domain, Texas Oil and Gas Association and Texas Pipeline Association (October 2017)

- Multidistrict Litigation - Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar (September 2016)
- Pipelines: The Indemnity Provision and Eminent Domain Law Update (June 2016)
- To Retain or Destroy- THAT is the Question – Fort Worth Financial Services Seminar (May 2014)
- Think Before You Click: E-discovery issues of today – Fort Worth Financial Services Seminar (April 2013)
- Modern Land Issues Affecting Oil and Gas Development – AICPA National Conference (October 2013)
- West Virginia: The Fate of Hydraulic Drilling – Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar (August 2013)
- "Municipal Regulation of Urban Drilling: How Far Is Too Far?" –Institute for Energy Law, 61st Annual Oil and Gas Law Conference (February 2010); Updated (November 2013)
- Extraordinary Pre-judgment Remedies – Fort Worth Financial Services Seminar (April 2012)
- Eagle Ford Shale: Issues of Today and Into the Future - Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar (September 2011)

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2000 (*cum laude*, *Member, University of Houston Law Review 1998-2000, Order of the Barons, Moot Court Team*)
- B.S., Texas A&M University, 1996 (*Bioenvironmental Sciences, Alpha Delta Honorary Fraternity*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- Bar of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- February 2023, Eleventh Annual "Under the Wire" CLE Webinar
- June 2020, COVID-19: Perspectives on Navigating Uncertain Times, Opportunities, and Avoiding Pitfalls in the Energy Sector
- June 2020, COVID-19: Perspectives for the "Next New Normal" for Renewable and Utility Companies

- 12 December 2019, Houston Bankruptcy Court Holds Midstream Gathering Agreements Cannot Be Rejected As Executory Contracts
- 20 May 2019, Not Your Average Lessor: The False Claims Act and Treble Damages in Royalty Disputes With the Federal Government

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Pipeline Projects Face New Questions On Landowner Rights," Law360 (6 November 2019)
- What's in the Pipeline? An Update on Eminent Domain Law, Texas Bar Journal (March 2016)
- Factual Causation: The Missing Link in Hydraulic Fracture - Groundwater Contamination Litigation, published 22 Duke University Environmental Law & Policy Forum 341, 2012 (co-authored with Jeff King)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 February 2023, "Under the Wire" CLE Seminar
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 4 October 2019, K&L Gates, Numerous Lawyers Honored for Diversity, Legal Leadership
- 29 March 2019, K&L Gates Secures Rare Oklahoma Gas Royalties Jury Verdict for Range Resources Corporation
- 22 March 2018, K&L Gates Adds Five-Lawyer Energy Team in Texas

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- International Arbitration
- Offshore Wind Energy
- Real Estate Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Disputes
- Technology
- Telecommunication Infrastructure

EMERGING ISSUES

- Environmental Social Governance (ESG)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Lead Trial Counsel in a Jefferson, County Texas pipeline construction dispute; Obtained favorable settlement during trial.
- Lead Trial Counsel in Oklahoma marketable product royalty underpayment case; Obtained complete defense verdict.
- Co-counsel in trespass case concerning hydraulic fracking; Obtained dismissal on the merits; Defense of oil and gas producers in litigation concerning hydraulic fracturing issues.
- Co-counsel in defense of 124 cases for breach of lease contract; Cases won on the merits including one jury trial in which Jamie was lead counsel.
- Co-counsel in defense of largest royalty underpayment MDL in US concerning Texas oil and gas leases; Successful settlement was obtained.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in various lease termination cases.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in Texas state courts concerning various auditing and payment disputes.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in Texas state courts concerning various title issues.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in litigation concerning ground water contamination.
- Defense of various oil and gas producers in royalty underpayment litigation.
- Represent oil and gas producer in multi-district litigation.
- Co-counsel representing numerous developer and energy clients before local municipalities and boards related to inverse condemnation and challenges to municipal ordinances, rules, and regulations.
- Represent various financial institutions in complex breach of loan and enforcement of guaranty claims.
- Represent various financial institutions in adversary proceedings brought in bankruptcy court.

- Defense of nationally insured banks against lender liability claims.
- Represent large aggregate manufacturers in complex construction disputes.
- Lead Counsel representing various energy clients in temporary restraining order and injunction matters relating to operational and public health and safety issues.
- Eminent domain and transactional counsel for a 58 mile, 345 kV double circuit line, from the Zenith Substation in Harris County to its Gibbons Creek Substation in Grimes County.
- Eminent domain litigation and project counsel for railroad company acquiring right-of-way for new 9 mile, common carrier railroad project in Medina County, Texas.
- Eminent domain litigation and project counsel for multi-county Texas segment of a 831-mile interstate crude petroleum pipeline.
- Lead counsel representing energy companies as owner of property being condemned by the Texas Department of Transportation in eminent domain proceedings throughout the State of Texas.
- Lead counsel representing energy company as owner of property being condemned by the Port of Houston.
- Lead counsel representing telecommunications companies as owner of property being condemned by various entities throughout the United States.
- Eminent domain litigation and project counsel for multi-county segments of 790-mile natural gas liquids pipeline from the Permian Basin to Mont Belvieu, Texas.
- Eminent domain litigation and project counsel for multi-county segments of a 600-mile crude petroleum pipeline from Wink and Midland, Texas to Webster and Baytown, Texas.
- Eminent domain litigation and project counsel for a multi-county 85-mile two segment natural gas liquids pipeline from Mont Belvieu, Texas to Beaumont, Texas and Beaumont, Texas to Port Arthur, Texas.
- Eminent domain litigation and project counsel for an approximately 440-mile natural gas liquids pipeline starting in Mont Belvieu in Chambers County, Texas and extending to Braskem Seadrift.
- Eminent domain litigation and project counsel for an approximately 90-mile natural gas liquids pipeline starting in Bayport in Harris County, Texas to Markham in Matagorda County, Texas.