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OVERVIEW

Jon Vicklund is counsel in the Houston office. He is a member of the Oil, Gas, and Resources practice group. He currently focuses his practice on eminent domain and condemnation, complex commercial litigation and disputes, catastrophic industrial personal injury, and real estate. However, he also practices oil, gas, and energy law, premises and products liability claims, other business and personal injury torts, trucking litigation, insurance defense, and environmental matters. He often assumes the role of a project manager navigating a caseload of complex legal issues. Jon takes pride working closely with clients, counseling them on legal developments and risk avoidance.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Jon served as of counsel at two corporate law firms, and was a shareholder at a Louisiana-based law firm before his of counsel positions. For over a quarter of a century, Jon has maintained his good standing with the Texas Bar, Texas courts, and other jurisdictions where he is admitted *pro hac vice*. While he primarily practices in Texas his legal career is not confined to the State of Texas, but extends beyond its borders into other states such as Louisiana, Oklahoma, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and California.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Federal Firearms Licensee, 5-76-####-##-##-04287
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Montgomery Bar Association
- International Right of Way Association

- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Defense Research Institute
- Lone Star College, Cy-Fair Campus, Former Adjunct Professor, Business Law
- Copper Lakes Homeowners Association, Former Board Member
- Cy-Fair Independent School District, Community Volunteer
- Community Emergency Response Team, Cy-Fair, Former Board Member
- Harris County Citizens Corp.

EDUCATION

- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 1994
- B.B.A., The University of Texas, 1989 *Finance*
- B.B.A., The University of Texas, 1989 *Marketing*

ADMISSIONS

- 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

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Louisiana ACT 312 Case Update, *The Energy Law Advisor*, April 2011
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision, Yazdchi v. Am. Honda Fin. Corp., 217 Fed. Appx. 299 (5th Cir. Tex. 2007) (pro se litigants are not exempted from compliance with procedural rules and substantive law merely because they represent themselves)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 11 July 2019, K&L Gates Continues Texas Growth with Addition of Houston Oil and Gas Counsel

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented two condemnors as eminent domain litigation and transactional counsel as well as a project manager related to a dual-pipeline project for the transmission of natural gas liquids from Harris County to Brazoria County, Texas
- Represented condemnor as eminent domain litigation and transactional counsel for the construction of a natural gas pipeline through portions of Texas from Brazos County to San Jacinto County
- Represented condemnor as eminent domain litigation and transactional counsel for a crude petroleum pipeline through portions of Texas from Burnett County to Lee County
- Represented condemnor as eminent domain litigation and transactional counsel related to the construction of a crude petroleum pipeline through portions of Texas from Austin County to Harris County
- Represented condemnor as eminent domain litigation and transactional counsel in connection with construction of a 345 kV double circuit line from Harris County to Grimes County, Texas
- Represented condemnor as eminent domain litigation and transactional counsel for the construction of a short line railroad in Medina County, Texas
- Defended industrial facility in electrocution case resulting in loss of limb
- Defended industrial facility in chemical burn case
- Defended aluminum manufacturing company in an industrial forklift accident resulting in personal injury
- Defended large aggregate company and related transportation company in trucking litigation matters
- Defended multinational company in a partnership dispute involving fraud and other wrongdoing allegations and obtained a defense verdict

- Defended catastrophic personal injury lawsuits involving multinational oil and gas service company's flow line products used in high-pressure fracking operations
- Defended product liability lawsuit for a multinational oil and gas service company involving bulk handling components that allegedly caused a fire to a Port of Los Angeles bulk-material ship loader
- Defended multinational chemical company in take-or-pay contract dispute, including successful enforcement action of the arbitration award
- Negotiated terms and conditions of Purchase and Sale Agreement on behalf of oil and gas company involving the same of two salt water disposal facilities
- Defended oil and gas operator in multiple disputes against landowners concerning environmental contamination and pollution allegedly arising from historic oil and gas exploration and production activities, so called "Louisiana Legacy Lawsuits"
- Defended multinational chemical company in arbitration related to coverall premium product
- Defended multinational chemical company against allegations from South Texas orchard owners that a fungicide product damaged crops
- Prosecuted Texas lawsuit by former owner of chemical complex against subsequent owner under purchase agreement and indemnity relating to Louisiana class action arising out of groundwater contamination
- Defended an oil and gas company in a Louisiana class action against claims of personal injury and property damages resulting from chemical contamination of groundwater migrating from beneath chemical complex to neighboring residential community
- Negotiated, drafted, and closed on a broad range of complex contracts and other agreements, for example master services agreements, purchase order terms and conditions, company policies and procedures, company agreements, easements/servitudes of passage, earnest money contracts, deeds, promissory notes, leases, indemnity agreements, and compromise, settlement and release agreements