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OVERVIEW

Elizabeth Tiblets is a partner in the Fort Worth office where she is a member of the oil, gas, and resources practice group. Elizabeth focuses her practice on energy and commercial litigation. She represents energy clients of all sizes in matters involving alleged royalty underpayment, title disputes, and a wide variety of other contract disputes, including disputes involving operating agreements and purchase agreements.

Elizabeth has tried cases to the bench and to jury verdict, in addition to handling class certification hearings. She also represents clients in appellate matters.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Elizabeth was of counsel at a national law firm and an associate at an international law firm. Prior to attending law school, Elizabeth worked for a Q Investments, L.P., a multi-billion dollar private investment firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2016-2018

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Recent Trends in Oil & Gas Class Actions - Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 2008 (*cum laude*; *International Law Review Association*; *Dean's Scholarship Recipient*)
- B.B.A., Texas Christian University, 2003 (*summa cum laude*; *Dean's List*, *TCU Scholar*)

ADMISSIONS

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

NEWS & EVENTS

- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Chambers USA Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 22 March 2018, K&L Gates Adds Five-Lawyer Energy Team in Texas (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Appellate Litigation
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a major exploration and production company as first chair in a trial that ended with a unanimous jury verdict for the company.
- Represented a major exploration and production company in a complex co-owner dispute involving the parties' joint operating agreement and whether post-production costs could be deducted from an overriding royalty interest.
- Represented a major exploration and production company in a development dispute.

- Represented a subsidiary of the world's largest publicly-traded oil and gas company in numerous putative class actions filed by royalty owners throughout the United States
- Represented one of the nation's largest gas producers in two putative class actions in Arkansas state court and played a major role in both class certification hearings.
- Represented a regional energy company in a breach of purchase agreement case that resulted in a \$21.5 million judgment against a large gas producer.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in lawsuits throughout the Eagle Ford Shale area relating to complex title and breach of contract issues.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in class action lawsuits alleging underpayment of royalties and improper deductions from royalty payments.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in various lawsuits throughout Texas related to gathering system charges and the calculation of royalties, generally.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in an Oklahoma lawsuit alleging failure to develop and breach of contract.
- Represented a family-owned energy company in an East Texas lease purchase dispute against a large gas producer.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in interlocutory appeal and mandamus stemming from class action.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in various appeals involving post-production deductions and other contract interpretation issues.
- Represented an international helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft manufacturer in an appeal of a state court judgment.

Reported Decisions

- *Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP v. Texas Crude Energy, LLC*, 573 S.W.3D 198 (Tex. 2019).
- *Phillips Petroleum Company v. Yarbrough*, 405 S.W.3d 70 (Tex. 2013).