



## Rory P. Hatch

### Associate

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## OVERVIEW

Rory Hatch is a trial and appellate litigator in the firm's Oil and Gas practice. His diverse practice includes oil & gas litigation, easement and utility right-of-way disputes, eminent domain, intellectual property, general commercial litigation, and appellate litigation. Rory has been recognized every year by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* since 2020.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Rory was a litigation associate in the Houston office of national law firm. He also clerked for the Honorable Harvey Brown in the Texas First Court of Appeals.

During law school, Rory was invited to join U.T. Law's prestigious Supreme Court Clinic, which assists in representing clients before the Supreme Court of the United States. He was also an articles editor for *The Review of Litigation* and a judicial intern for the Honorable Lee Yeakel in the Western District of Texas.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- University of Texas School of Law - Endowed Presidential Scholar
- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Energy Law, 2020-2024

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Houston Bar Association, Federal Practice Section (Secretary)
- Garland R. Walker Inn of Court
- Houston Christian Legal Society (President)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Pipelines – Legal and Industry Developments, August 2022

- Energy Exploration: Considerations in Land Use, April 2020
- Pipeline Takings: Common Carrier Issues, July 2019

## EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 2014 (*honors*)
- B.A., Rice University, 2011

## ADMISSIONS

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

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Into Thin Air: The Clean Air Act and Unconstitutional Taking by Preemption of State Common Law, 33 Review of Litigation 711

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 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

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Appellate Litigation
- Construction and Infrastructure

## INDUSTRIES

- Energy

- Energy Disputes