

Philip "Flip" Whitworth

Flip joined the firm in 1977 when the firm's practice centered on oil and gas litigation and regulation. He continues to focus primarily on oil and gas regulatory issues involving the Railroad Commission of Texas and the General Land Office. Flip became board certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law in 1986, was chairman of the Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section (now Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Section) of both the State Bar of Texas and Travis County Bar Association, has been a frequent guest teacher at oil, gas and energy related classes and seminars at The University of Texas School of Law and was selected for "Lawyer of the Year" in Oil & Gas Law, by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® Report, 2014. In 2017, Flip was honored with the Who's Who Worldwide Lifetime Achievement Award. Flip has also been a speaker and author on oil and gas regulatory topics at many seminars and conferences across the state.

Recognitions & Awards

Board Certified, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, since 1986

Who's Who Worldwide Lifetime Achievement Inductee, 2017

Selected for The Best Lawyers in America in Oil & Gas Law, a Woodward/White, Inc. publication, 2007-2011

Texas Super Lawyer, Energy & Resources, a Thomson Reuters business, 2003-2017

Go-To Guide Finalist in Energy Law, a publication of the Texas Lawyer, 2012

Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" in Natural Resources Law, by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® Report, 2012

Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" in Oil & Gas Law, by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® Report, 2014, 2016

Bar Admissions & Activities



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RELATED PRACTICE AREAS:

- General Land Office
- Government, Regulatory and Legislative
- Oil & Gas Business Advice
- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Oil & Gas Natural Resources and Energy Litigation
- Oil & Gas Regulatory
- Railroad Commission Regulatory



Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals.

Chairman, State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Section, 1989-90

Chairman, Travis County Bar Association Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section, 1986

Chair, Oil and Natural Gas Exploration and Production Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law, 1994-96

Education

University of Texas at Austin, B.A., with honors, 1969

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., with honors, 1972

Articles & Presentations

Square Pegs, Round Holes: The Application and Evolution of Traditional Legal and Regulatory Concepts for Horizontal Wells, 7 TEX. J. OIL GAS & ENERGY L. 178, 2012

Practice Before the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas, 13 ST. MARY'S L.J. 719 (1982)

Leasing and Operating State Owned Lands For Oil and Gas Development, 16 TEX. TECH L. REV. 673 (1985)

Co-Chair, Southwestern Legal Foundation's 42nd Institute on Oil and Gas Law and Taxation (February 1991)

Co-Presenter, State Bar of Texas' first oil and gas related Webcast entitled "Horizontal Drilling in Urban Areas"