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Overview

Anthony is a commercial trial lawyer with a particular focus on energy litigation. He represents oil and gas operators, working interest owners, and service companies in complex disputes across Texas. As a former law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and at the Supreme Court of Texas, Anthony is comfortable handling trials or appeals and enjoys helping clients navigate litigation to maximize their chance of success at every stage.

Anthony is also heavily involved in diversity and inclusion initiatives, both inside and outside the firm. He serves as the Chair of the firm's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and also takes an active role at the city, state, and national levels on organizations focused on improving diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession.

In addition, Anthony is Co-chair of the firm's Recruiting Committee.

Experience

Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Litigation

- (S.D. Tex.) — Part of trial team that defeated a $7 million surface remediation claim against an oil and gas operator.
- (S.D. Tex.) — Obtained summary judgment defeating breach-of-contract claim against oil and gas operator and awarding operator damages on its counterclaim.
- (Bankr. S.D. Tex.) — Defending oil and gas operator in complex royalty dispute.
- (Tex. Dist. – Travis County) — Obtained summary judgment defeating a personal injury claim seeking to hold an oil and gas operator vicariously liable for injuries sustained at a well-site.
- (Tex. Dist. – Bexar County) — Defended oil and gas operator in Multi-District Litigation in South Texas involving multiple lawsuits asserting claims for failure to develop, failure to protect against drainage, and underpayment of royalties.

- (Tex. Dist. — La Salle, Dimmit, McMullen, and Atascosa Counties) — Defended oil and gas operators against claims of lease termination, royalty underpayment, premises liability, and breach of fiduciary duty and negotiated settlements of said cases.
- (Tex. Dist. — Midland County) — Defending oil and gas operator against claims of conversion and breach of contract associated with royalty and working interest dispute.
- (Tex. Dist. — Midland County) — Defended saltwater disposal well operator in a suit alleging misappropriation of trade secrets and aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty.

Appeals

- (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit) — Obtained judgment affirming trial court's grant of summary judgment in favor of oil and gas operator.
- (5th Court of Appeals) — Obtained reversal of an unfavorable judgment and a remand for a new trial for a pro bono client who had previously lost a jury trial.
- (3rd Court of Appeals) — Obtained reversal and remand for a pro bono client whose claims were previously defeated by summary judgment.
- (14th Court of Appeals) — Obtained judgment affirming the dismissal of fraud claims against a timeshare company and its CEO under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 91a.

Awards

- Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, Energy Law, Oil and Gas Law, 2024-2026
- "Texas Rising Star" in Business Litigation by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, 2017-2021

Articles & Presentations

- Featured in Hispanic Executive Magazine, "Anthony Arguijo Energizes the Field at Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP," August 2020
- Kennon L. Wooten and Anthony Arguijo, Rule 91a Dismissal Procedures: Basic Considerations and Unanswered Questions, 80 ADVOC.: STATE BAR LITIG. SEC. REP. 60 (2017).
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News & Insights

- Anthony Arguijo defeats $7 million oil and gas lease remediation claim.
- Anthony Arguijo to serve on Texas Minority Counsel Program Steering Committee
- Seven SDM Lawyers Named to Texas Rising Stars®
- Six SDM Lawyers Named to Texas Rising Stars®
- SDM Lawyers Recognized as 2021 Texas Rising Stars®
- SDM Lawyers Recognized In Best Lawyers® 2024
- SDM Lawyers Recognized In Best Lawyers® 2025
- Texas Supreme Court Reverses Judgment of $21 Million
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Awards and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch® in America
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Awards and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch® in America

- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Texas Super Lawyers®

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Oil & Gas Litigation

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., with honors, 2011
  - Managing Editor, Texas Law Review (Vol. 89)
  - National Champion and Best Brief, Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition Order of Barristers
  - Outstanding Litigation Note, Texas Law Review Association
- Texas Tech University, B.A., with honors, 2008

Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas
- State Bar of Texas

Activities

- Board of Trustees, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, 2021–2024
- Chair, Hispanic Bar Association of Austin Charitable Foundation, 2021–2024
- Steering Committee, Texas Minority Counsel Program, 2019–Present
- Co-Chair, Institute for Energy Law’s 5th National Young Energy Professionals’ Law Conference, 2021
- Member, Institute for Energy Law 3rd Leadership Class, 2020–2021
- Member, State Bar of Texas Appellate Pro Bono Program, 2014–Present
- Affiliate Representative, Hispanic National Bar Association, 2018–2020
- President, Hispanic Bar Association of Austin, 2016–2017
- Associate, Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court, 2014–2018
- Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
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