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Overview

Doug practices oil, gas, and energy law, including civil litigation and regulatory matters before the Railroad Commission of Texas, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas General Land Office. He joined the firm in 1984 after a brief career as a petroleum landman followed by law school. A board certified attorney in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Doug has tried cases in various parts of Texas and handled numerous contested Railroad Commission cases. He has represented operators, lessees, and lessors. A significant portion of Doug's work involves advice and representation on Texas Comptroller severance tax matters.

Experience

Successfully defended nonparticipating royalty interest owners and settled a claim that the interest had terminated, resulting in recovery by NPRI owners.

Successfully defended multi-million dollar claim involving interpretation, application, and interaction of Pugh, horizontal severance and pooling clauses. Sustained judgment on appeal.

Prevailed in Texas Comptroller severance tax refund for taxpayer who received refund of over $16,000,000.

Successfully defended Texas Comptroller severance tax assessment against gas purchaser by reducing $20,000,000 assessment by approximately 90%.

Successfully defended oil and gas operator in Texas General Land Office Royalty Audit by reducing $30,000,000 royalty claim by approximately 95%.

Successfully defended oil and gas operator in landowner challenge to Railroad Commission "allocation well" permits.

Awards

- Selected for The Best Lawyers in America?? in Oil & Gas Law, by BL Rankings, 2012-2026
- Texas Super Lawyer, a Thomson Reuters business, Energy and Natural Resources Law, 2005, 2009 – 2014, 2018 – 2020
- Member, Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission, 1995 – present
- Past Member of the Council for the Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Section of the State Bar

Articles & Presentations

- Leasing Public Lands (Including GLO, City, County and State Lands)
- Railroad Commission Enforcement (Plugging, False Filings)
- Unitization and Severance Tax Incentives
- Tax Incentives for Oil and Gas Production
- Regulation of the Texas Eagle Ford Shale
- Texas GLO Update (Multiple Years)
- Texas Railroad Commission Regulation of Horizontal Drilling
- Allocation Wells, Production Sharing Agreements, Pooling

News & Insights

- SDM Lawyers Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, 2022 Edition
- 13 SDM Lawyers Recognized in Best Lawyers?? 2023 Honors
- SDM Lawyers Recognized In Best Lawyers?? 2024
- SDM Lawyers Recognized In Best Lawyers?? 2025
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers?? Awards and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch?? in America

Practice Areas

- Oil & Gas Business Advice
- State & Local Tax
- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Oil & Gas Regulatory
- Renewable Energy

Education

- BBA 1980, The University of Texas at Austin.
- JD, cum laude 1984, Baylor University

Admissions

- Board Certified Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, since 1987
- State Bar of Texas

Activities

- Member, State Bar Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Section