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Overview

John is an experienced litigator who leverages his finance and executive business background to advocate for clients in a wide variety of industries, including finance & securities, oil & gas, healthcare, real estate, and technology. John focuses on complex commercial litigation, and his cases typically involve fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and other common business torts.

In representing both plaintiffs and defendants, John draws on his previous career in business and finance, during which he co-founded a hedge fund, worked as a negotiation consultant to Fortune 500 companies, and served as an executive at a technology firm. John???s diverse business background allows him to understand quickly his clients??? business challenges, fit their litigation matters within that context, and offer thoughtful, practical legal advice. John also serves on the firm???s contingent fee committee and helps oversee the firm???s associate mentoring program.

Experience

Defend several renewable power generators in MDL in connection with numerous claims arising out of Winter Storm Uri

Pursue claims for breach of contract seeking exercise of option to purchase hospital on behalf of hospital district against nationwide health system

Defended closely-held multi-billion dollar family ranching corporation in connection with allegations of breach of fiduciary duty by chairman and CEO as part of a fight for control of the corporation

Pursued claims for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of 50% shareholder and secured appointment of receiver to cease self-dealing activities by defendant

Defended CEO and largest shareholder of several inter-related benefits companies against claims of self-dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract

Defended oil and gas E&P company against landowner claims of breach of contract and defeated request for temporary injunction

Defended software company against allegations of breach of contract in multi-million dollar dispute with technology services vendor

Pursued multi-million dollar breach of contract claims for natural gas pipeline company against seller for failure to deliver natural gas

Defended publicly-traded oil company against allegations by lessor of underpayment of royalties and lease termination

Defended hedge fund against allegations of fraud, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty brought by former investor seeking billions of dollars in damages

Pursued fraud claims for foreign investment company and multiple structured finance vehicles against large originator and underwriter in connection with billions of dollars in purchases of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS)

Defended multiple pharmaceutical companies against allegations of Medicaid fraud brought by Attorney General

Pursued fraud claims for hedge fund against large investment bank in connection with purchases of securities worth tens of millions of dollars in multiple collateralized debt obligations (CDOs)

Pursued fraud and breach of contract claims for municipal government entity against large investment bank in connection with the purchase of tens of millions of dollars in commercial paper issued by a structured investment vehicle (SIV)

Awards

- Texas Rising Star, a Thompson Reuters business, Business Litigation, 2019 – 2021
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Order of the Coif, Virginia Chapter
- University of Virginia Law Review, Editorial Board

News & Insights

- 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 Obtains Denial of Eagle Ford Lease Termination Claim Against EP Energy
- U.S. District Court Affirms Ruling In Favor Of SDM Client EP Energy

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation & Torts
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation

- Oil & Gas Litigation
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
- Securities & Complex Financial Litigation

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law ??? J.D.
- Stanford University ??? B.A. in English

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Courts for the Western District, Northern District, Eastern District and Southern District of Texas

Activities

- Lloyd Lochridge American Inn of Court