



John Soule

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Overview

John has worked exclusively in the firm's oil, gas and energy practice since he joined the firm in 1980. Regulatory matters before the Railroad Commission of Texas are the primary focus of his practice. John is a former General Counsel for the Commission's Oil & Gas Division. He has advised countless clients and has handled hundreds of contested cases, primarily involving oil and gas matters. In the past, John was active in oil and gas litigation and continues to advise clients and other attorneys in the firm on oil and gas litigation issues. John also assists clients with the negotiation and drafting of various oil and gas agreements and instruments. Because of his many years of experience, oil and gas clients frequently rely on him for advice not only with respect to regulatory matters, but also for business advice. Although John mostly advises oil and gas operators who are clients of the firm, he also represents and advises non-operators and land and mineral owners. For more than 25 years, John was active in firm management, including responsibility for the firm's technology and non-lawyer staffing needs. He is a former Navy pilot and retired as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Experience

Presents in-house seminars and advises clients on regulatory issues relating to oil and gas development with horizontal

wells.

Advises clients and has handled contested cases on both sides of the docket involving spacing and density exceptions, disposal and injection wells (including commercial disposal), oil & gas waste disposal and recycling permits, field rules applications, underground gas storage, enforcement and plugging, forced pooling, and gas testing and measurement.

Advises clients regarding oil and gas leases, pooling and unitization, joint operating agreements, and other oil and gas instruments.

Frequent speaker on all topics at annual firm seminar: Oil & Gas Regulation in Texas.

Statewide and Special Field Rules (including Allowables)

Spacing and Density Exceptions

Pooling (including Forced Pooling)

Fieldwide Unitization

Horizontal Wells — Field Rules and Allowables

Well Plugging and Current RRC Enforcement Practices

RRC Environmental Regulation

Successfully represented multiple clients in the Texas Panhandle “white oil” and “high-perf” cases.

Awards

- Selected for The Best Lawyers in America in Oil & Gas Law, by BL Rankings, 2007-2022
- Texas Super Lawyer, Energy and Natural Resources Law, a Thomson Reuters business, 2005 – 2012

Practice Areas

- Oil & Gas Business Advice
- Oil & Gas Regulatory

Education

- George Washington University. B.A., 1967

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1974
- St. Edward's University, M.B.A., 1978

Admissions

- Board Certified, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, since 1989
- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.