



Philip “Flip” Whitworth

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Overview

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.

Experience

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.

Awards

- Chambers USA Band 1 recognized practitioner in Energy: State Regulatory & Litigation (Oil & Gas) in Texas, 2019 – 2021

- Selected for The Best Lawyers in America in Oil & Gas Law, by BL Rankings, 2007-2022
- Who's Who Worldwide Lifetime Achievement Inductee, 2017
- Texas Super Lawyer, Energy & Resources, a Thomson Reuters business, 2003-2019
- 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

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"

News & Insights

- SDM ranked Band 1 in 2020 Chambers USA
- SDM Ranked Band 1 in Chambers USA 2021
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, 2022 Edition

Practice Areas

- Oil & Gas Business Advice
- Oil & Gas Regulatory

Education

- University of Texas at Austin, B.A., with honors, 1969
- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., with honors, 1972

Admissions

- Board Certified, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, since 1986
- State Bar of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals

Activities

- 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