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Practice Areas

Energy

Mass Tort & Product Liability

Trials

Education

American University Washington College of Law, J.D., 2019; President, Energy Law Society; Vice president of communications, Student Bar Association; Treasurer, Federalist Society; Director of external affairs, Business Law Society

Hendrix College, B.A., International Business and International Relations, 2013

Admissions

Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas

OVERVIEW

Liz focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation. She has handled a variety of work for energy industry participants, including contract disputes, mineral and royalties disagreements, and business torts. Additionally, Liz has experience handling decommissioning-related liabilities. In these matters, operators turn to Liz for guidance throughout the life cycle of the project, from planning and strategy to negotiating with the government and enforcing their rights through litigation. Her knowledge of both the law and regulations, as well as the energy market, allows her to distill complicated concepts into clear, actionable counsel.

Liz has represented clients in various state courts, federal courts, before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and in U.S. Department of the Interior proceedings. Most recently, she second-chaired a trial in Oklahoma state court involving claims of negligence and nuisance brought by a landowner against an oil and gas midstream company, helping the client obtain a 99% reduction in damages.

Clients benefit from Liz's past experience in governmental affairs, policy, and the judiciary. As a former associate counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, she brings in-depth insight into the federal court system and judicial confirmation to her private practice. Previously, she served as a clerk to the Hon. Judge Jeff Brown of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. She also summered at the Office of the General Counsel for the American Petroleum Institute, which gave her a keen understanding of the energy industry's unique legal challenges.

Prior to joining Hicks Johnson, Liz worked in the commercial litigation group at the Houston office of an Am Law 100 firm. During that time, she served as a member of the Leadership Academy class of the Houston Young Lawyers Association and co-authored several publications for the Institute for Energy Law.