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Industries

Energy

Oil, Gas & Minerals

Technology

Utilities

Practice Areas

Business & Commercial Litigation

Construction

Corporate Law

Data, Digital Assets & Technology

Outside General Counsel Services

Solutions

Data Centers

Bar Memberships

Texas

Courtney's unique background as a contract process and disbursement auditor and consultant to energy companies brings a distinctive perspective to advising her clients on matters important to their business, including risk mitigation, dispute resolution, and trial.

She has counseled and represented small independent companies to Fortune 500 companies, in various industries including oil and gas exploration and production, midstream upstream, and service companies, transportation, healthcare, construction and fabrication, law firms, HVAC, waste management, veterinarians, and animal rescues. While Courtney's legal practice spans the full spectrum of commercial litigation, she has significant experience advising and developing solutions to matters involving: health, safety and operations, personal injury and safety incidents, OSHA investigations, environmental emissions, third party contractors, construction defect, mechanic and materialman liens, litigation prevention, entity disputes, contract negotiations and drafting, insurance coverage, employee matters, modification of policies and procedures, and protection of intellectual property.

She also routinely represents animal owners, veterinarians, and animal rescue organizations.

Courtney has experience handling arbitrations, mediations, and cases from inception through trial in Texas state courts and federal courts.

Courtney's Relevant Experience

Oil & Gas Litigation

Won a top 100 Texas jury verdict for 2019 for a national E&P company.

Successfully defended midstream company with the largest number of active pipeline miles in Texas in five lawsuits involving significant personal injury incidents.

Secured a dismissal of all claims against Fortune 500 E&P and pipeline company involving claims of trespass of easements.

Represented drilling company in its prosecution of well operator's negligent drilling operations and material selections.

Won dismissal of all claims asserted against well operator in accounting and joint operating agreement dispute.

Other Info About Courtney

Education

Washington & Lee University School of Law, J.D., 2010

Baylor University, B.B.A. in Finance, 2003
Concentration in international business

Courts

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota

Recognition

Women Who Mean Business Honoree, *Houston Business Journal*, 2024

Houston's Top Lawyers for Business Litigation, *Houstonia Magazine,* 2022-2023

Houston's Top Lawyers for Construction Law, *Houstonia Magazine*, 2020-2022

Elected to the Texas State Bar Pro Bono College, 2020-2023

The Best Lawyers in America® – Energy, 2023-2026; Commercial Litigation, 2024-2027

Top 100 Jury Verdicts in Texas, *TopVerdict.com*, 2019

Professional Affiliations

Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter, Member

Baylor University Bears for Leadership Reform, Associate Board Member

Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, Fellow

Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

Houston Bar Association – Member, Lawyers for Literacy; Member, Minority Opportunity in the Law

Houston Young Lawyers Association – Member, Judiciary Events

Civic Activities

Adjunct Professor of Law, Animal Law Clinic at South Texas College of Law, Houston

Houston Cares Animal Rescue, Board Member

New Life International Orphanage, Guatemala, Orphanage Missionary

Firm Committees

Women's Initiative Committee, Member

Presentations

Preparing Your Agreements for Supply Chain Disruptions, 33rd Annual Texas Bar Membership Connections Program (TMCP), October 2025

Here's How Houston's Top Legal Minds Are Interpreting 2025's Potential Boons and Banes for Business, Houston Business Journal Business of Law Panel Discussion, January 2025.

Animal Lawyers Wear Capes: When the Law is a Superhero and Saves a Pet and its Owner, National Association for Legal Support Professionals, August 2023

Managing the Unmanageable in a HIPAA Breach Response, A ssociation of Corporate Counsel, December 2022

Protecting Data and Privacy Through Contracting, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2023

Managing the Unmanageable in a HIPAA Breach Response, College of Healthcare Information Management Executives, June 2022

Managing the Unmanageable in a HIPAA Breach Response, Scottsdale Institute, May 2022

Expert Report Bootcamp, Forensic Expert Witness Association National Conference, June 2021

Laws in the Workplace, June 2021

Houston Young Lawyers Association, Teen Civic Leadership Academy, 2010 and 2011

Major Publications

Co-author, "Houston founders: How safe is your company's data?", InnovationMap.com, October 2023

Data and Privacy Concerns for Business Lawyers, State Bar of Texas, June 2023

Co-author, The Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases, *The Journal of Energy, Climate and the Environment*, March 2010

Assistant Editor, *The Lexington Principles on the Rights of Detainees: A Transnational Legal Process Approach to Due Process*, April 2009

Contributing Author, Judge Tells Cleveland Not Only "No", but "Heck No?", *Nuisance Law*, June 2009

Editor and Managing Editor, *W&L Law News*

Featured Articles

Houston Founders: How Safe is Your Company's Data?

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