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JASON E. WILLIAMS, a partner in the firm, is a commercial trial lawyer with a focus on construction litigation, securities and fiduciary litigation, and energy litigation.

He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial litigation cases in state and federal court and in AAA administered arbitrations with an emphasis on energy industry matters. His construction practice focuses on representing owners in all areas of construction disputes, including construction defects, design errors and omissions, contractor termination matters, and delay claims.

A Texas native, Jason graduated from St. John's School in Houston. He and earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 1997. He earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Houston Law Center in 2004.

While in law school, Jason was an Articles Editor for the *Houston Law Review*. He was a member of Order of the Barons and Order of the Coif. Prior to joining the firm, Jason was a Senior Associate with Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. Before attending law school, Jason worked for four years as a mechanical engineer in the manufacturing and construction industries.

Jason has argued as lead counsel before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He has also handled multiple cases involving jurisdiction under the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

SELECTED CASES

- Represented owners in contractor termination and lender liability dispute. Obtained \$1.2 million arbitration award and judgment.
- Represented major pipeline company in suit against customer involving declaration of force majeure for natural gas pipeline.
- Represented major pipeline company in claims related to failure of large-diameter natural gas pipeline.

- Represented utility company in a \$24 million, 11-day arbitration defending a claim for wrongful termination of an EPC contract for the expansion of an existing power plant.
- Represented one of the world's largest oil and gas companies in construction dispute involving multinational EPC contract for modifications of two refineries.
- Represented municipal utility district seeking damages for design and construction defects.
- Represented owner in an arbitration defending a claim for wrongful termination of a design-build construction contract.
- Represented oil-and-gas services company defending breach of warranty claims for loss of a hole due to a defective downhole tool.
- Represented non-destructive testing and inspection company in oil and gas industry defending a claim of tortious interference that resulted in dismissal of all claims.
- Represented minority shareholder of an oil trading company in dispute with majority shareholders involving shareholder oppression and breach of fiduciary duty; case settled shortly after the court granted minority shareholder's motion for partial summary judgment.
- Represented investors in oil and gas exploration company in suit against general partner claiming breach of fiduciary duty and violations of the Texas Securities Act.
- Represented directors of technology company in securities fraud claim that resulted in dismissal of all claims.
- Represented insurance agent in dispute involving procurement of insurance.
- Represented national property insurer in multiple first-party property insurance bad faith cases alleging damages to apartment complexes.
- Tried, as first-chair attorney, 14 jury trials for the City of Houston.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES

- *"Republican Party of Minnesota v. White Threatens Judicial Impartiality in Texas,"* 41 HOUSTON LAW REVIEW 202 (2004)

- Co-speaker and co-author, “Why Didn't You Tell Someone? – A Review of Good and Bad Quality Assurance/Quality Control Case Studies,” ABA Forum on the Construction Industry Annual Meeting, February 2012, Houston, Texas
- Co-presenter, “Dealing with Code Upgrade Coverage Issues,” presented at the WIND Texas Symposium, Houston, Texas, April 2009
- Co-presenter, “Construction Contracts 101,” presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Water Board Directors, San Antonio, Texas, July 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Jason is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and in the United States District Courts for the Southern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Texas, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

- American Bar Association (Member, Litigation and Construction Sections)
- Federal Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association (Member, Construction Law Section; Co-Chair, Legal Line Committee, 2005)
- Houston Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Houston World Affairs Council
- State Bar of Texas (Member, Litigation and Construction Sections)

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Houston Achievement Place, Board of Directors (2011 - present)
- Bayou Breakfast Club, Member (2009 - present)
- Buffalo Bayou Partnership - Bayou Buddies, Steering Committee (2006 - 2010)
- Houston Racquet Club (Member 2012-present)