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Terry is a shareholder. Terry is Board Certified in both Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law. Prior to entering the practice of law, Terry was a mechanical engineer and worked for a major oil company in roles as a production and reservoir engineer. He has held leadership positions in United Way of Midland, Casa de Amigos, and volunteers in many civic, charitable, and church endeavors.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Insurance Defense

Terry's formative years as a trial lawyer involved defending automobile liability cases and workers' compensation cases. He now manages and tries all types of complex cases. Today the bulk of Terry's docket consists of oil and gas litigation, wellbore/reservoir damages cases, wrongful death claims, explosions, pipeline facility incidents, and other cases arising from catastrophic accidents. Included in Terry's portfolio are many cases involving drilling/workover rig accidents, exposures to hazardous chemicals and wastes arising from process facilities, and oil and gas operations.

Oil and Gas Litigation

Terry handles cases and resolves disputes involving operator/royalty owners, surface use conflicts, underground water contamination and surface pollution claims. He represents oil and gas operators, mineral and royalty owners, and clients in the service company sector. His training and experience is especially helpful in issues involving field operations and downhole equipment failures. Terry utilizes his reservoir engineering training very capably in cases in which damage allegations include reservoir and reserve losses.

Governmental Entity Defense

A strong advocate for law and order, Terry has the privilege of representing governmental entities and police officers throughout West Texas. The technical nature of the defenses to claims involving governmental entities and their employees has resulted in the development of a unique concentration within the firm of trial experience with accompanying successes in the field of civil rights defense.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Terry worked for Amoco Production Company from 1977 until 1979 as a petroleum engineer, which provided him with valuable experience in the oil and gas industry. His engineering foundation, passion for preparedness, and 30 years of experience as a trial lawyer have served his clients well

over the years.

EDUCATION

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Texas A&M University, 1976

J.D., Texas Tech University, 1982

In law school, Terry was a member of Law Review and founding officer of the Texas Tech University Legal Research Board. He was voted by the faculty and his peers as the student most representative of what a lawyer should be.

Areas of Practice

Insurance Defense

Oil and Gas Litigation

Governmental Entity Defense

Certified Legal Specialties

Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law

Bar Admissions

Texas, 1982

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court Western District of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court, 1995

Published Works

Damages to Personal and Real Property, State Bar of Texas Strategies for Damages and Attorney Fees, 2010

When Operators Get Sued, State Bar of Texas Advanced Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law, October 4-5, 2007

Indemnity Agreements - Some Ethical Issues, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2003

A Trail Guide for the Insurance Defense Lawyer, State Bar of Texas, 2002

Release - Dismissal Agreements - Staying in Bounds, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 2002

Ethics in the Oil Patch, Dilemmas from Prior Representation, Permian Basin Landmen's Association, 1999

Royalty Litigation - Litigating from the Defendant's Perspective, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1999

Ethics in The Oil Patch -- Dilemmas from Prior Representation,, Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen's 25th Annual Fall Land Institute, November, 12 & 13, 1998

Suing and Defending Governmental Entities: "Ethical Issues in Representing Governmental Entities and their Employees", State Bar of Texas, 1997

Ways to Assert Section 101.106 of the Texas Tort Claims Act, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 1995

Limiting Attorney's Fees and Sanctions, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 1994

Hot Pursuits, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 1992

Classes/Seminars

Speaker, Ethics in The Oil Patch -- Dilemmas from Prior Representation, Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen's 25th Annual Fall Land Institute, November 12, 1998 - November 13, 1998

Author/Speaker Ethics in the Oil Patch, Dilemmas from Prior Representation, Permian Basin Landmen's Association, 1999

Author/Speaker Royalty Litigation - Litigating from the Defendant's Perspective, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1999

Speaker/Author Indemnity Agreements - Some Ethical Issues, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2003

Author/Speaker A Trail Guide for the Insurance Defense Lawyer, State Bar of Texas, 2002

Author/Speaker Suing and Defining Governmental Entities: "Ethical Issues in Representing Governmental Entities and their Employees", State Bar of Texas, 1997

Author/Speaker Release - Dismissal Agreements - Staying in Bounds, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 2002

Author/Speaker Ways to Assert Section 101.106 of the Texas Tort Claims Act, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 1995

Author/Speaker Limiting Attorney's Fees and Sanctions, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 1994

Author/Speaker Hot Pursuits, Texas Municipal League Attorney Workshop, 1992

Speaker An Employment Law Primer, Texas Association of Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners, 1996

Professional Associations and Memberships

ABOTA - American Board of Trial Advocates

DRI - Defense Research Institute

TADC - Texas Association of Defense Counsel

Past Employment Positions

Amoco Production Company, Petroleum Engineer, 1977 - 1979

Fraternities/Sororities

Phi Delta Phi