

## Joseph A. Baker


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Mr. Baker practices in the firm's Litigation Section. He was licensed to practice in Texas in 2008 and in New Mexico in 2009. He is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Baker volunteers and is involved in many civic, church, and charitable activities.

### AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

#### Litigation Work

Mr. Baker assists clients in cases involving business disputes, including contract disputes, oil and gas disputes, and general litigation matters. Mr. Baker has extensive experience researching, drafting pleadings and discovery, and handling matters involving a variety of complex oil and gas litigation matters, contract disputes, and a variety of other civil matters.

Mr. Baker has also worked on state and federal appeals regarding claims for oil and gas disputes. He has researched and drafted briefs in both state and federal appeals courts. Mr. Baker's work on these briefs has helped resolve oil and gas disputes.

#### Oil and Gas Litigation

Mr. Baker has represented a number of clients in oil and gas matters involving purchase and sale agreements, division orders, oil and gas leases, drilling contracts, well service contracts, master service agreements, audit rights, gas purchase agreements, and the federal potash area. He has also participated in cases involving the construction and enforcement of operating agreements, operator removal disputes, royalty owner disputes, and working interest owner disputes.

#### Transactional Work

Mr. Baker also provides advice and prepares agreements that cover a variety of transactions.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mr. Baker is a member of the Midland County Bar Association, a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors for the Midland Teen Court, and the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland.

## Areas of Practice

Oil & Gas Litigation

Commercial Litigation

## Bar Admissions

Texas, 2008

New Mexico, 2009

U.S. District Court Western District of Texas

U.S. District Court District of New Mexico

U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit

## Education

### Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas

J.D. *magna cum laude* - 2008

Honors: Phi Delta Phi

Law Review: Texas Tech Law Review, Articles Editor

### Texas Christian University

Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* - 2002

Major: History

## Representative Cases

*Endeavor Energy Resources, L.P. v. Discovery Operating, Inc.*, 448 S.W.3d 169 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2014)

*Lesley v. Veterans Land Bd. of State*, 352 S.W.3d 479 (Tex. 2011)

## Classes/Seminars

Speaker, Receivership Leases, AAPL Field Landman Seminar, Midland, Texas, February 2015

Speaker, The Joint Operating Agreement, State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas, and Energy Resources 101 Course, Houston, Texas, September 2015

Speaker, A Litigation Attorney's View of Division Orders, Permian Basin Association of Division Order Analysts, October 2016.

Speaker, Leasing on Relinquishment Act Lands, 19th Annual Permian Basin Oil & Gas Law Seminar, February 2017

## Honors and Awards

Phi Delta Phi (Legal Honors Society)

Chosen as one of the top 20 professionals under 40 in Midland by Midland Magazine

## Professional Associations and Memberships

Midland County Bar Association

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of New Mexico

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

Midland Teen Court, Vice President and Board Member

Midland Shared Spaces, Board Member

## **Fraternities/Sororities**

Phi Delta Phi