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PRACTICE AREAS

- Oil and Gas Litigation
- Personal Injury and Insurance Defense
- Commercial Litigation
- General Civil Litigation

BIOGRAPHY

Bill is a shareholder in the law firm's Litigation Section. He is licensed to practice before all Texas state courts, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Western Districts of Texas. Bill has argued appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, one of which was before the en banc court and resulted in the court reversing its prior decision as well as a District Court's judgment. Bill is a member of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Defense Research Institute. He served as President of the Ector County Bar Association and as President of the Downtown Rotary Club. Bill received the Young Lawyers' Pro Bono Award from West Texas Legal Services. He was named a "Rising Star" in Texas Monthly Super Lawyers - Rising Stars Edition." He is a member of the Pro Bono College of the State of Texas. Bill served as the Section Head for the litigation section of the law firm and serves on the law firm's Board of Directors.

Bill is active in his church, coached youth soccer, is a past president of the Downtown Rotary Club, and is a past president of the Ector County Bar Association. Bill has completed the Big D. Texas Marathon, Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Marathon, White Rock Dallas Marathon, Bath Beat Marathon in Bath, England, White Rock Half Marathon and Sprint Triathlons. He has summited Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya in Africa.

In law school, Bill was a lead advocate on Baylor's National Mock Trial Team, which won the Regional Finals in Dallas and represented the region and Baylor University at the National Mock Trial Team Finals in Washington, D.C. He was also a member of Baylor's Order of Barristers and recipient of Baylor's Pakis, Giotes, Beard & Page Advocacy Award.

In his undergraduate studies, Bill was named the Outstanding Graduate in Mass Communications, served as Editor-In-Chief of the school newspaper and graduated with honors.

PRACTICE AREAS

Oil and Gas Litigation

Bill spends much of his time representing clients involved in oil and gas related disputes. On behalf of corporate and individual clients, he prosecutes and defends suits involving operating agreements, master service agreements, drilling contracts, well service contracts, indemnity provisions, surface use issues and royalty payment disputes.

Personal Injury and Insurance Defense

Bill devotes a significant portion of his practice to defending clients who have been sued in cases involving claims for personal injury and wrongful death, including oilfield injuries, on-the-job accidents, automobile accidents and trucking accidents. He represents several insurance companies and their insureds in all aspects of personal injury lawsuits including claims investigation, pretrial discovery, and trial representation. He has received multiple favorable verdicts on personal injury matters.

Commercial Litigation

Bill has extensive experience litigating commercial disputes. He has an active and successful trial practice and has successfully resolved lawsuits through trial, summary judgment and voluntary settlement for individuals, corporations and governmental entities in cases involving contract disputes, partnership and corporate/shareholder disputes, breach of fiduciary duty, collection matters, products liability, commercial tort/DTPA lawsuits, fraud and misrepresentation.

General Civil Litigation

Bill also has a broad range of litigation experience involving private and public employment disputes, civil rights claims, and defending governmental entities.

EDUCATION

- **Baylor University School of Law, Waco, Texas**
 - J.D. - 1998
 - Honors: A Lead Advocate, Baylor's National Mock Trial Team
 - Honors: Member, Baylor's Order of Barristers
 - Honors: Recipient, Baylor's Pakis, Giotes, Beard & Page Advocacy Award
- **University of Texas of the Permian Basin**
 - B.A. - 1993
 - Honors: *cum laude*
 - Honors: Outstanding Graduate in Mass Communications
 - Honors: Editor-In-Chief, School Newspaper
 - Honors: With Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court Western District of Texas

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Bill is a member of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Defense Research Institute. He served as President of the Ector County Bar Association and President of the Downtown Rotary Club during the 2004-2005 term. Bill received the Young Lawyers' Pro Bono Award from West Texas Legal Services. He is a member of the Pro Bono College of the State of Texas.

HONORS

- Bill was named a "Rising Star" in Texas Monthly Super Lawyers - Rising Stars Edition
- Lead Advocate, Baylor's National Mock Trial Team, Baylor University School of Law, Waco, Texas
- Member, Baylor's Order of Barristers, Baylor University School of Law, Waco, Texas
- Recipient, Baylor's Pakis, Giotes, Beard & Page Advocacy Award, Baylor University School of Law, Waco, Texas
- Cum Laude, University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- Outstanding Graduate in Mass Communications, University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- Editor-In-Chief, School Newspaper, University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- With Honors, University of Texas of the Permian Basin

CLASSES & SEMINARS

- Speaker, LITIGATION UPDATE, West Texas Rural Counties Association Professional Education Conference, Abilene, TX
- Speaker, RELIGION IN THE WORKPLACE: FINDING A RELIGION THAT WORKS FOR YOU, Lorman Education Employment and Labor Law in Texas Seminar, Midland, TX
- Speaker, TITLE VII AND RELIGION IN THE WORKPLACE, Lorman Education Employment and Labor Law in Texas Seminar, Midland, TX
- Speaker, TITLE VII AND RELIGION IN THE WORKPLACE, Ector County Bar Association, Odessa, TX

PRO-BONO ACTIVITIES

- Bill received the Young Lawyers' Pro Bono Award from West Texas Legal Services. He is a member of the Pro Bono College of the State of Texas.

PUBLISHED WORKS

- LITIGATION UPDATE (Co-Author with Kathleen McCulloch), West Texas Rural Counties Association Professional Education Conference, Abilene, TX, October, 2003
- RELIGION IN THE WORKPLACE: FINDING A RELIGION THAT WORKS FOR YOU, Lorman Education Employment and Labor Law in Texas Seminar, Midland, TX, December, 2001
- TITLE VII AND RELIGION IN THE WORKPLACE, Lorman Education Employment and Labor Law in Texas Seminar, Midland, TX, December, 2000

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Communications Workers of America v. Ector County Hosp. Dist., 241 F.Supp.2d 617, 2002, W.D.Tex.
- Communications Workers of America v. Ector County Hosp. Dist., 392 F.3d 733, 2004, 5th Cir.
- Communications Workers of America v. Ector County Hosp. Dist., 402 F.3d 503, 2005, 5th Cir.
- Communications Workers of America v. Ector County Hosp. Dist., 467 F.3d 427, 2006, 5th Cir.

PAST POSITIONS

- Board of Directors for the law firm

LANGUAGES

- English