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About Andrew

Andrew Zeve co-chairs the firm's energy litigation practice group and represents clients in disputes related to every aspect of the oil and gas industry. In addition, he represents clients in intellectual property litigation, with an emphasis on trade secrets and patents. His experience as a litigator includes jury trial, bench trial and arbitration in state and federal courts across the United States.

In addition to his oil and gas litigation practice, Andrew represents clients in a variety of litigation areas, including intellectual property litigation and complex commercial litigation. He represents a range of international to *Fortune 500* clients from industries including energy, construction, commercial real estate, and oilfield services and equipment manufacturers.

During law school, Andrew served as an intern to the Honorable David Hittner in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas.

Recent Notable Matters

Hilcorp Energy Company — represented Hilcorp in a royalty class action in the Southern District of Texas relating to the alleged off-lease use of produced natural gas. The court dismissed the case but allowed the plaintiff to re-plead; and the amended complaint was also dismissed.

Foro Energy — defended Foro Energy in a week-long trial involving the alleged misappropriation of trade secrets relating to the design of an offshore umbilical deployment system. Foro prevailed on all claims.

Juno Energy, LLC — successfully represented as first chair in the trial of an eight-figure title dispute involving oil and gas properties in west Texas; on the second day of trial, secured a settlement with one

party, but continued the trial against the other remaining party; after a week-long bench trial, the judge ruled immediately after closing arguments that Juno had title to the property

Juniper Capital Advisors — represented Juniper Capital in two matters claiming trade secret misappropriation related to potential oil and gas investments. In both matters, the plaintiffs' claims were dismissed – one on a motion to dismiss and the other on a motion for summary judgment after the plaintiff's expert opinions were excluded. In both matters, Juniper's counterclaims remained prior to settlement.

Baker Hughes — represented Baker Hughes in suit brought by German entity regarding equipment installed in more than 25 large natural gas storage caverns throughout Germany

Triple Crown Energy LLC — successfully represented Triple Crown Energy and BCF Minerals as first chair in the jury trial in Tulsa, Oklahoma, involving a dispute with a land services broker over commissions related to several large mineral rights and leasehold acquisition projects; plaintiff sought over \$2 million in connection with various contract and tort claims; after a week-long trial, the jury returned a verdict denying the plaintiff any commissions and rejecting all tort claims

Water Standard Separation Systems — represented Water Standard in a bench trial related to a dispute over a development project in Saudi Arabia. All of the relief requested by Water Standard, including attorney's fees, was granted.

Southwestern Energy — represented Southwestern in a title arbitration involving over 100 disputed leases following the sale oil and gas properties in West Virginia

Rover Petroleum — represented Rover Petroleum in dispute regarding various title issues, including failure to produce in paying quantities and failure to meet continuous drilling obligations

Key Energy — represented the plaintiff in a patent infringement suit related to the monitoring of workover services; client sought both economic damages and a permanent injunction against the defendants; a favorable settlement was reached for the client after three days of trial and the defendant ceased its infringing activities in Mexico immediately

Charger Energy, Inc. — represented an oilfield operator in a dispute with the joint operator in a gas field in East Texas; after a three-day arbitration, the client prevailed on its claims and defeated the claims asserted by the joint-operator

Chart Industries, Inc. — represented the manufacturer of brazed aluminum heat exchangers in a breach of contract and trade secret dispute involving technology used in cryogenic plants

Tall City Exploration LLC — represented in a dispute related to drag along rights in large sale of oil and gas assets

AJ Lucas Group PTY Ltd. — represented in a lawsuit seeking recovery of \$70 million in connection with investment in an East Texas oilfield

Kinder Morgan, Inc. — represented in a series of class action disputes alleging nuisance claims related to its operation of treating facilities in natural gas compressor stations; after defeating class certification, all cases were settled

Vetco Gray Inc. — represented in multiple summary judgment wins, establishing the validity of a reduced royalty rate license covering subsea well completion technology; Vetco prevailed in arbitration at the district court level and on appeal

M&G Finanziaria S.r.l. — representing a subsidiary of a large Italian conglomerate in a dispute relating to the construction of a large petrochemical plant; dispute includes claims made by and against the owner of the plant, the general contractor, several subcontractors and multiple materialmen

PL Propylene LLC — represented in an arbitration dispute with the EPC contractor regarding warranty claims raised by the owner and delay claims made by the EPC contractor; a favorable settlement was reached in mediation just two weeks before arbitration

CIT Group — represented as the lead defense attorney at a bench trial, which resulted in all of the plaintiff's claims being dismissed and granting all relief sought by CIT Group

Catarina Salt Water Disposal, LLC — represented in defense of a \$10 million claim for breach of a purchase and sale agreement related to oilfield service companies

Progress Rail Services — represented against claims of patent infringement; all claims were dismissed on summary judgment

Classic Operating Co., LLC — represented in defense of patent infringement claims related to horizontal drilling technology

Pioneer Exploration, Ltd. — represented in asserting claims against oilfield service company due to damaged wellbore

Publications and Speeches

Panelist for 2019 Harris County Civil/Appellate Bench Bar Conference.

“Texas Affirms The Promise of Off-Site Drilling,” *Law360*, June 2017.

“Every Clause Matters: A Litigator's Perspective on O&G Contracts,” 2017 *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law Symposium*, February 9, 2017.

“Adverse Possession In The Oil Patch,” *Oil & Gas Financial Journal*, December 8, 2016.

“Allocation Wells in Texas,” *Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen, Annual Fall Land Institute*, November 17, 2016.

“PSA and Allocation Wells – The Current State of Play,” *Law360*, October 21, 2016.

“From Classroom to Courtroom; Practical Tips to Help Prepare Associates for Their First Trial,” *Texas Lawyer*, October 1, 2016.

“Contract by Email: How to Avoid Costly Claims in Today’s Turbulent Market,” *The Institute for Energy Law, Oil and Gas Practice Committee Luncheon*, November 16, 2015.

Education

The University of Texas School of Law, J.D.

2003 – *Order of the Coif*

Texas A&M University, B.S., Industrial Engineering

2000 – *magna cum laude*

Noteworthy

Chambers USA, Nationwide: Oil & Gas Litigation, 2022

The Legal 500 United States, Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas, 2017 - 2022 (Next Generation Partner, 2018 - 2022); Energy Litigation: Conventional Power, 2020 - 2022; General Commercial Disputes, 2017 - 2018

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC, *Benchmark Litigation*, 40 & Under Hot List, 2017 - 2019

Thomson Reuters, *Texas Super Lawyer*, 2020 - 2021

Thomson Reuters, *Texas Super Lawyer*, Texas Rising Star, 2010, 2013 - 2018

The University of Texas School of Law, *Texas Law Review*, Associate Editor, 2002 - 2003

Affiliations

Houston Bar Association

Houston Bar Foundation

Houston Young Lawyers Association

Bar Admissions

Texas