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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

**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

**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

**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

“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

*The Legal 500 United States, Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas, 2017 - 2019 (Next Generation Lawyer, 2018 - 2019); General Commercial Disputes, 2017 - 2018*

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

*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**