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About Sean

Sean represents clients in high-risk and high-value disputes, and focuses his practice on four core areas of commercial disputes: contracts, business torts, antitrust, and intellectual property. He has also been retained by clients to resolve seemingly intractable disputes in other areas, including adversary proceedings in bankruptcy cases, mass torts, litigation arising under the U.S. Constitution, and follow-on litigation related to criminal prosecutions.

His strategic thinking, outstanding courtroom advocacy, and grit have received consistent and extraordinary recognition over time, which summarizes what he brings to the table. In 2021 *Chambers USA* reported that Sean is an “impressive litigator” who is a “brilliant strategist and negotiator” and able to “instill total confidence that the client is in capable hands.” In 2019 *Chambers USA* called Sean “a brilliant litigator and masterful strategist,” and noted that he is “very effective and personable in court,” while the 2015 edition reported that Sean is “recommended by clients for his ‘immediate laser focus on the issue and his ability to quickly and confidently formulate a strategy.’” In 2014, *Chambers USA* highlighted another client’s outstanding experience: “[Sean] achieved results in trial beyond my highest expectations—I was really impressed with his toughness as a trial lawyer. He’s also a skilled strategist in litigation—you don’t always get that combination together.” And in 2013 *Chambers USA* noted a client’s particular praise: “Sean has been like a miracle worker.”

He has represented plaintiffs and defendants in the energy, financial services, chemical, petrochemical, steel, communications, oil field services, medical products, software, government, accounting, construction, real estate, and manufacturing sectors.

Publications and Speeches

“Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel,” ACC Houston CLE with Linda Primrose, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary / General Manager US and Canada Legal Department Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc., April 12, 2022

“Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel,” Texas General Counsel Forum, April 7, 2022

“Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel,” Association of Corporate Counsel with Marianne Ibrahim, Baker Hughes, Executive Counsel & Global Compliance Director, August 11, 2021.

“Mediating Disputes and Documenting Settlements,” Association of Corporate Counsel with Linda Rovira, Eni US Operating, Senior Counsel, July 15, 2021.

"Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel," 43rd Annual UT Law Corporate Counsel Institute with Kristi McCarthy, Chevron NA Exploration, General Counsel and VP Land, April 30, 2021.

"Mediating Disputes and Documenting Settlements," ACC Houston, April 13, 2021.

“Controlling Disputes Before They Arise,” Consero Corporate Litigation Roundtable, Dec 2, 2020.

"Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel," UT Corporate Counsel Institute with Kristi McCarthy, General Counsel and Vice President Land, Chevron North America Exploration and Production Company, May 16, 2019.

"Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel," Consero Corporate Litigation Executive Roundtable with Melina Chaparro, Associate General Counsel U.S., Elementia USA, March 21, 2019.

“US Gulf Coast Midstream Infrastructure and Export Capacity Update,” Platts 8th Annual NGLs Conference, September 11, 2018.

“Ethical Hazards That Confront In-House Counsel,” UT Corporate Counsel Institute with Lennox International Deputy General Counsel, May 18, 2018.

“Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel,” Association of Corporate Counsel with Huntsman Corporation General Counsel, The Woodlands, Texas, April 17, 2018.

“Ethical Hazards That Confront Corporate Counsel,” Association of Corporate Counsel with BMC Corporation Senior Litigation Counsel, Houston, April 11, 2018.

“Ethics In 21st-Century Litigation,” Consero – Corporate Litigation Executive Roundtable, Houston, March 22, 2018.

"What Keeps Boards Up At Night," UT Corporate Counsel Institute, May 11, 2017.

"What Keeps Boards Up At Night," Corporate Compliance Insights, November 28, 2016.

"What Keeps Your Board Up at Night: 2016 Edition," Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter Meeting with Dynegey, Inc. General Counsel and Rowan, Inc. Deputy General Counsel, July 12, 2016.

"Trust Me, I Have Records," Houston Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, January 12, 2016.

"Combating Fraud at Home and Abroad," Oil & Gas Monitor, December 23, 2015.

Education

University of Houston Law Center, J.D.

1988

University of Houston, B.A.

1985

Noteworthy

Chambers USA, Texas Litigation: General Commercial, 2013 - 2022; Texas Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources, 2019

The Legal 500 United States, General Commercial Disputes, 2016 - 2022; Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas, 2017 - 2020; Energy: Litigation, 2016

Bar Admissions

Texas