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For more than 30 years, David Jones has represented plaintiffs and defendants in commercial lawsuits and arbitrations across the country.

Whether it is high stakes litigation for a Fortune 500 company or a claim involving individuals, David identifies the key issues and presents them in a simple story for the court, jury, or tribunal.

With an emphasis on insurance and energy, David represents policyholders in coverage disputes involving all types of polices—including general liability, property & casualty, title, employers liability, environmental liability, professional liability, directors & officers liability, and business interruption. He also advises and represents lessees, operators, service providers, equipment manufacturers, and other stakeholders in onshore and offshore commercial disputes and oilfield accident litigation and investigations. David leads the Firm's Class Action/Multidistrict Litigation and Insurance practices.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Energy

- *In re: Deepwater Horizon* Multidistrict Litigation in the Eastern District of Louisiana
  Coordinated multi-firm defense of Cameron International Corporation (blowout preventer manufacturer) resulting in a judgment of no liability in favor of client after six-week trial.
- Lead counsel for Cameron as a party-in-interest in a multi-week hearing before the United States Coast Guard/Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Board of Investigation into the Marine Casualty, Explosion, Fire, Pollution and Sinking of Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon.
- Lead counsel in bench trial in the Southern District of Mississippi involving *force majeure* under natural gas purchase and sale agreements resulting in take-nothing judgment in favor of client.
- Lead counsel in AAA arbitration hearing involving P&A and surface restoration obligations on hundreds of wells in the Permian Basin resulting in confidential award providing requested relief to client.
- Lead counsel for various operators in numerous lawsuits and arbitrations involving royalties, development, drainage, joint operating and farmout agreements, surface use, and commercial disputes in Texas and Arkansas.

Insurance

- Lead counsel for waste disposal company in insurance recovery action involving multiple jury trials for environmental liabilities at hundreds of sites throughout the United States resulting in substantial recoveries for client.
- Lead counsel for multinational oil company in insurance recovery action for environmental liabilities and property damage arising from a fire and release from a well pad in the Marcellus Shale resulting in complete recovery for client.
- Lead counsel for multinational construction company in insurance recovery

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation

Energy Litigation

Insurance Coverage Litigation

Class Action & Multi-District Litigation

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

EDUCATION

J.D., Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1994

- Order of the Coif
- Associate Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
- Associate Justice, Vanderbilt Moot Court Board

B.S., University of Florida, Fisher School of Accounting, with high honors, 1991

seeking coverage for property damage occurring during pipeline construction resulting in complete recovery for client.

- Lead counsel for numerous companies and individual seeking coverage under general liability, property & casualty, title, employers liability, environmental liability, professional liability, directors & officers liability, and business interruption, and other insurance policies.

Business

- Lead counsel for production homebuilder in jury trial in Austin involving alleged misrepresentations in connection with home sale resulting in take-nothing judgment for client.
- Lead counsel in suit against client's former manager for violation of non-compete and confidentiality agreements resulting in injunction against former manager and employer.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America, Litigation, Insurance, Energy, 2026
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2024-2026
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, Energy Litigation, 2024-2025
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, Commercial Litigation, esp. Insurance, Energy, 2022 & 2024-2025
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Insurance Law (2016-2027) and Commercial Litigation (2027)
- Named in Benchmark Litigation – Future Star, 2013-2021, 2023-2026
- Recognized in *Chambers USA*: Litigation: General Commercial (Texas), 2017-2018
- Named in Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers* – Insurance Coverage, 2014-2020, 2025-2026; Business Litigation, 2021-2026; Energy & Natural Resources, 2025-2026
- Named in *US News Best Lawyers,* Insurance, 2012

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *Winter Strom Uri and Force Majeure Under Gas Purchase and Sale Agreements*, Author and Speaker, Gas and Power Institute, 2021
- Ethical Communications in the Age of Social Media, Society for Corporate Governance, Houston Chapter Annual Meeting, Presenter, 2021
- Ethical Communications in the Age of Flexible Work, Association of Corporate Counsel, Houston, Presenter, 2021
- American Law Institute, Presentation of new Restatement of the Law of Liability Insurance, Panelist, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Texas Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Life Fellow, State Bar of Texas Foundation

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Advisory Board, Aperio Music for the Americas
- Houston Gator Club, Board Member
- St. Mark’s Episcopal Church









