

# Jacqueline M. Furlow

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Known for her strategic approach to litigation, Jackie excels in forecasting cases from the outset, determining exposure, and identifying the best strategies for her clients.

Jackie represents a diverse range of clients, including billion-dollar companies, small and midsize businesses, and private equity firms, in a variety of matters including commercial transaction disputes, business torts, partnership disputes, property and royalty disputes, restrictive covenants, and employment. Jackie has also developed expertise in defending law firms in professional liability litigation. Jackie handles cases of all sizes, from multimillion-dollar disputes to those involving over US\$1 billion in controversy, representing clients on both sides of the docket.

With a focus on the unique dynamics of the energy industry, Jackie has successfully litigated cases across the industry value chain for public, multinational oil and gas companies, as well as private exploration and production firms and service providers. She assists these clients in protecting their interests and bottom line while navigating economic pressures in an ever-changing market.

In addition to her practice, Jackie regularly teaches trial advocacy and presents on a variety of topics including complex contract issues, privilege issues, legal ethics, and remedies. Jackie has been recognized by *Lawdragon 500* as a Next Generation Lawyer and one of *Lawdragon 500's* Leading Litigators in America in Commercial Litigation, Employment, and Energy law. In 2022, Jackie was honored by the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas with its inaugural Texas' Outstanding Young Litigator Award. She is also recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* for Commercial Litigation and Energy Law and a "Rising Star" in Business Litigation by Thomson Reuters *Super Lawyers*.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Obtained dismissal for concrete chipping company in business interference litigation.** Briefed and assisted in arguing motion to dismiss claims for tortious interference and business disparagement pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 91a and the Texas Citizens Participation Act. The court granted the motion on both grounds and awarded the client attorneys' fees and sanctions against the opposing party.
- **Obtained favorable settlement for a national commercial real estate brokerage firm in action to recover misappropriated commission payment.** Served as first-chair counsel. Managed all case discovery, fact witness depositions, expert witness preparation and drafting of pretrial motions, including motions to compel and for summary judgment. The case settled on favorable terms for the client prior to trial.
- **Obtained dismissal for out-of-state law firm and individual lawyers in professional negligence litigation.** Briefed and argued special appearance for lack of personal jurisdiction to the court, which was granted, completely dismissing the lawsuit.
- **Obtained dismissal for out-of-state steel construction company in breach-of-contract litigation.** Briefed special appearance for lack of personal jurisdiction to the court. The plaintiff nonsuited its action the day before the

## PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation  
Employment & Executive  
Employment Litigation  
Energy Litigation  
Professional Liability  
Defense

## ADMISSIONS

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

## EDUCATION

J.D., The University of  
Texas School of Law,  
2013

- Senior Articles Editor,  
*Texas Journal of Oil,  
Gas & Energy Law*
- Editor, Ernest E.  
Smith Selected Works  
(2013)

M.A., Vanderbilt  
University, Philosophy,  
2009

B.A., Vanderbilt  
University, Philosophy  
with high honors, magna  
cum laude, Phi Beta  
Kappa, 2008

hearing on the special appearance, completely dismissing the lawsuit.

- **Obtained favorable settlement for oil and gas exploration and production company against a construction contractor that damaged the company's frac water pond liner.** Briefed and argued partial summary judgment regarding the defendant contractor's liability for breach of express warranty to the court, which was granted, leaving only damages. After the court granted summary judgment, the case settled on favorable terms for the client.
- **Defended Am Law 200 law firm sued for millions of dollars in case involving allegations of negligence and breach of fiduciary duty.** After extensive written discovery, briefed partial summary judgment regarding liability for negligence, which the court granted, leaving only claims of breach of fiduciary duty. After the court granted summary judgment, the case settled on favorable terms for the client.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, Energy Litigation, 2024-2025
- Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation in Commercial Litigation, inc. Employment and Energy, 2024-2025
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, Commercial Litigation, 2022 & 2024-2025
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2025, Energy Law, 2025
- Recognized as a “Rising Star” in Business Litigation by Thomson Reuters *Super Lawyers* – Texas, 2020 & 2022 – 2024
- Recipient of the inaugural Texas' Outstanding Young Litigator Award from the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas, 2022

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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- Presenter, “*Lawyer Ethics in and out of the Conference Room: Not-so-Hypothetical Case Studies*,” Texas Young Lawyers Association (November 2020)
- Co-Presenter, “*Lawyer Ethics in the Conference Room and the Courtroom*,” Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter (October 2020)
- Presenter, “*The Ethical Boundaries of Reviewing Jurors' Internet Presence: An Overview of Ethical Rules and Opinions in Texas and Across the Country*,” The University of Texas School of Law Houston Young Alumni Association (January 2019)
- Co-Author, “The Ethical Boundaries of Reviewing Jurors' Internet Presence: National Highlights,” *The Computer & Internet Lawyer*, Vol. 34, No. 6 (June 2017)
- Co-Author and Presenter, “*Intentional Fouls at Trial and on Appeal*,” Texas Associate of Defense Counsel, Spring Meeting (Spring 2016)
- Co-Author, “The Ethical Boundaries of Reviewing Jurors' Internet Presence: The Need for a Rule in Texas,” *The Advocate*, a publication of the State Bar of Texas Litigation Section, at 51 (Fall 2016)
- Co-Author, “*Today's Jurors: Are They Changing?*,” State Bar of Texas 8th Annual Business Disputes Conference (Fall 2016)
- “Not Just for Trial Lawyers; Lessons from the Courtroom You Can Use in the Conference Room,” Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter Half-Day Seminar, December 2022 (Panelist)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

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- Institute for Energy Law Young Energy Professional Advisory Board Member, 2020-2021
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
  - Firm Liaison, 2017-2020
  - Holiday Party Co-Chair, 2015
- Houston Bar Association
- Fellow, Houston Young Lawyers Foundation
- Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- State Bar of Texas LeadershipSBOT, Class of 2015-2016
- 44th Annual Trial Academy Participant, International Association of Defense Counsel, 2016

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Jackie is an active leader in the Houston community and currently serves as an executive board member and chair of fundraising for GiGi's Playhouse Houston, an affiliate of a national nonprofit organization providing educational and therapeutic services to Houston children with Down syndrome and their families.

Jackie is also actively involved in Child Advocates and the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation's Adopt-an-Angel program.

Jackie is active in the Firm's pro bono initiatives, including regular work on matters for the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program.

