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Joel is an experienced trial lawyer that combines his unique perspective as an entrepreneur and lawyer to craft winning arguments.

He has successfully litigated numerous matters in excess of \$100 million in dispute and bet-the-company cases in courts and before arbitration panels. With a particular focus on real estate and financial matters, including royalty and oil and gas accounting, Joel excels at turning complex subject matters into understandable and relatable concepts for judges and juries. In doing so, he is able to draw on a broad base of experience having started businesses in information technology services, retail, and real estate.

His success persuading judges and juries is recognized by his peers. He has been repeatedly recognized by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America* for Business and Commercial Litigation.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- In 2023, represented a production and exploration company along with Beck Redden Partner Geoff Gannaway that successfully resolved a long-running oil and gas accounting and development dispute following over two weeks of trial in Texas state court.
- In 2023, prevailed on a motion to dismiss in Texas state court, along with Beck Redden partner Matthew Whitley, on behalf of a prominent commercial developer whose development project was opposed by neighboring property owners.
- In 2022, prevailed on a motion for summary judgment, along with Beck Redden partner Jeff Golub in a federal lawsuit on behalf of a Fortune 500 wireless infrastructure company arising out of a municipality's unlawful restriction on the company's use of public rights of way.
- In 2021, prevailed on a motion for summary judgment limiting the scope of restrictive covenants in favor of property owners seeking to build on their properties.
- In 2018, along with Beck Redden Partner Fields Alexander prevailed in arbitration on behalf of a prominent Texas law firm in a dispute regarding entitlement to attorney's fees.
- In 2017, along with Beck Redden Partner Fields Alexander won a complete defense verdict in a breach of contract case following a trial in West Virginia federal court arising out of an alleged failure to drill oil wells on behalf of a subsidiary of a global exploration and production company.
- Additionally, Joel has represented owners and majority and minority general partners in real estate, partner, and financial disputes related to multifamily, retail, commercial, low-income housing tax credit, and triple net real estate projects. Joel has also represented numerous oil and gas exploration and production companies in a wide range of matters involving valuation of mineral assets, oil and gas accounting, royalty disputes, and oil and gas contract and tort claims.

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation
Energy Litigation
Professional Liability
Defense

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas
United States District
Court for the Southern
District of Texas
United States Court of
Appeals for the Fifth
Circuit

EDUCATION

J.D. Baylor Law
School, *magna cum
laude*, 2012

- Executive Editor,
Baylor Law Review
- Order of the
Barristers

B.A. Drake University,
magna cum laude, 2004

HONORS & AWARDS

- Named in Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation in Appellate and Commercial Litigation, 2025
- Recognized in Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America for Complex Litigation, Energy Disputes, 2025
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* for Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2025
- Named in Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers* – Business Litigation, 2024-2025; Real Estate, 2025; Civil Litigation, 2025
- Recognized as a “Rising Star” in Business Litigation by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* – Texas, 2020-2022
- National Championship Team, National Trial Competition
- National Semi-finalist Team, ABA Labor Law Mock Trial Competition
- Finalist and Top Speaker, Administrative & Public Law Moot Court Competition
- Finalist, Dawson & Sodd Moot Court Competition

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Houston Young Lawyers Foundation
- Board of Directors, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Young Lawyers Association

