

### Carroll Martin

Carroll joined the firm in 1980 when the practice centered on oil and gas litigation and regulation. Since then she has continued to focus primarily on oil and gas issues, broadening the scope to include analysis and drafting of various oil and gas instruments and agreements, environmental regulation of exploration and production activities, other administrative agency matters, and mediation. Carroll became board certified in Oil, Gas and Mineral Law in 1986, and completed mediator training in 1994. In litigation matters she has handled all types of oil and gas disputes and represents lessors, lessees, operators and non-operators across the state, at the trial and appellate level, and in state and federal court. Carroll frequently speaks and writes on oil and gas topics, and was a contributor to the Environmental Law volumes of the Texas Practice series (2005).

### Recognitions & Awards

Board Certified, Oil, Gas and Mineral Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, since 1986

Selected for The Best Lawyers in America in Oil & Gas Law, a Woodward/White, Inc. publication, 2007-2014

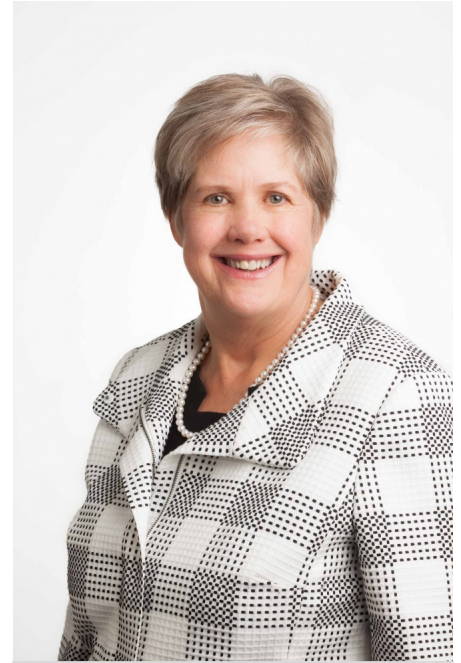
Texas Super Lawyer, a Thomas Reuters business, Energy & Resources, 2005, 2007 - 2016

Appointed Member of Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission, 1991-96

Life Member, Texas Law Fellow, 1996

### Representative Matters

Developed lease and other exploration and production agreements for lessee and lessor clients.



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#### RELATED PRACTICE AREAS:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration
- Environmental Law Litigation
- General Land Office
- Oil & Gas
- Oil & Gas Business Advice
- Oil & Gas Natural Resources and Energy Litigation
- Railroad Commission

## Regulatory

Successfully defended lessee in title dispute brought by top lessee.

Successfully defended operator against claims for overriding royalty interests by former consultants.

Successfully prosecuted and settled lease obligation and termination claims for lessors.

Successful prosecution, defense and settlement of numerous mineral title disputes.

### **Bar Admissions & Activities**

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Vice Chair, Oil & Natural Gas Exploration & Production Section of ABA's SONREEL 1994

Pro Bono Coordinator for Firm Participation in Family Law Clinic, Travis County (1982-2008)

### **Community and Charitable Organizations**

Chair, University United Methodist Church Foundation, (2007 – present)

Methodist Children's Home Investment Advisory Board (2014)

### **Education**

Duke University, B.A., History, magna cum laude, 1976

University of Texas School of Law, J.D. with honors, 1980

## **Articles & Presentations**

Traps in Oil & Gas Litigation, 32nd Annual Advanced Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Course (2014)

What Works and What Doesn't When Drafting Leases, 29th Annual Advanced Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Course (2011)

Occupied Territory: Competing Land Uses by the Owners of the Surface and Mineral Estates, 59th Annual Oil & Gas Law Conference (2008)

All for One and One for All: A Primer on Pooling in Texas, 31st Ernest E. Smith Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Institute (2005)

Yours, Mine and Ours: Conflicts Between Mineral and Surface Estates, 46th Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute (2000)

Gas Royalty Issues: Who, What, How and When? Valuation and Payment in Today's Market, Southwestern Legal Foundation's Forty-Sixth Annual Institute on Oil and Gas Law and Taxation (1995)

Current Standards of Duty and Care in Traditional Oil & Gas Relationships: Lessor/Lessee, Operator/Nonoperator and Producer/Purchaser, Southwestern Legal Foundation's Forty-First Annual Institute on Oil and Gas Law and Taxation (1990)

Environmental Law volumes of Texas Practice Series (2005)

## **Selected Reported Cases**

*Coates Energy Trust, et al. v. Frost National Bank*, Cause No. 04-11-00838-CV, 2012WL5984693, (Tex. App.—San Antonio, pet. denied 2014)

*King Ranch, Inc. v. Chapman*, 118 S.W.3d 742 (Tex. 2003)



*Concord Oil Company v. Pennzoil Exploration & Production Company*, 966 S.W.2d 451 (Tex. 1998)

*Schwartz v. Prairie Producing, Inc.*, 833 S.W.2d 629 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 1992, writ dismissed after settlement)

*Day & Company, Inc. v. Texland Petroleum, Inc.*, 786 S.W.2d 667 (Tex. 1990)

*Musick v. Railroad Commission of Texas*, 747 S.W.2d 892 (Tex. Civ. App.—Austin 1988, writ denied)