

Kent W. (Rocky) Robinson



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Rocky Robinson is a partner of the firm and practices in the litigation area. His practice focuses on complex commercial and business litigation and arbitration. He has tried more than 60 cases to conclusion. He has handled disputes in the areas of business torts, insurance, partnership disputes, securities fraud (both state and federal), oil and gas and energy related claims, and general contract claims.

He has also advised and represented clients in the areas of directors and officers liability, commercial, employment and securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits, insurance coverage disputes, mergers and acquisitions litigation, intellectual property, fiduciary litigation and probate litigation. In addition, Rocky has litigated a number of criminal matters at the trial and appellate levels.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Successfully represented trustee in the prosecution of civil damage claims against former officers and directors of defunct oil and gas company.
- Obtained a \$93 million settlement on behalf of privately owned oil and gas company arising out of the breach of an Area of Mutual Interest Provision contained in a Joint Operating Agreement.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of oil and gas client in connection with a multi-million dollar preferential rights claim to certain oil and gas interests.
- Obtained summary judgment in a \$200 million breach of contract and fiduciary duty claim arising out of the purchase of a synfuels plant at the Houston Ship Channel.
- Defeated shareholder class action and effort to enjoin approximate \$8 billion merger between two oil field service companies.
- Obtained dismissal of claims against special committee of Board of Directors of public company in connection with shareholder class action challenging going-private transaction.
- Obtained defense award in arbitration of \$30 million fraud claim arising out of purchase and sale of bio-technology company.

INDUSTRIES

Banking/Finance
Energy
Insurance

PRACTICE AREAS

Antitrust
Corporate Compliance,
Investigations and
Defense
Litigation

EDUCATION

JD, 1978, SMU Dedman
School of Law, Order of
the Coif
MBA, 1978, Cox School
of Business, Southern
Methodist University
BA, 1974, *cum laude*,
Ripon College

ADMITTED

Texas 1978
US District Courts for
the Northern, Eastern,
Southern and Western
Districts of Texas
US Court of Appeals for
the Fifth Circuit
US Supreme Court

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ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- "Salary Gap Impedes Judicial Process in Texas" [Houston Business Journal](#) (April 1, 2005)

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Board Certified Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Member

- Houston Bar Association, Past President and Director
- State Bar of Texas, Past Director
- State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee, Past Member
- Fifth Circuit Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel

Fellow

- Houston Bar Foundation
- Texas Bar Foundation

Listed

- Texas Super Lawyer in Business Litigation, [Texas Monthly](#) (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006)

HEADLINE NEWS

- Rocky Robinson Takes Office As New President of Houston Bar Association (May 24, 2004)