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### OVERVIEW

Jamie Bryan is a partner in the Fort Worth and Houston offices where she is a member of the oil, gas & resources practice group. Ms. Bryan concentrates her practice on the oil and gas industry in both the upstream and midstream sector and complex multi-district litigation. For the past 18 years, she has focused on a broad range of energy issues including royalty disputes, lease termination issues, surface use issues, municipal ordinances, environmental claims, right to take challenges, and eminent domain. Jamie has tried cases before both juries and the bench on a wide variety of complex oil and gas issues. Jamie maintains a specialized practice in the area of eminent domain, having represented numerous midstream energy clients and other condemning authorities in a variety of matters involving real property acquisitions, easement negotiations, condemnation proceedings, challenges to their right to take, and subsequent trials. She also counsels clients on policy issues, best practices and litigation avoidance.

She is a frequent author and presenter on issues impacting the oil and gas industry, including eminent domain. Ms. Bryan is also active in the Fort Worth Community and focuses on mentoring women in the energy industry.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Bryan was a shareholding at another Texas law firm for seven years. In addition, she was associate and then partner in the firm's Dallas and Fort Worth offices from 2000-2011.

### PRESENTATIONS

- Royalty Litigation Trends, 69th Annual Oil and Gas Law Conference (February 2018)
- Texas Property Code and Eminent Domain, Texas Oil and Gas Association and Texas Pipeline Association (October 2017)
- Multidistrict Litigation - Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar (September 2016)
- Pipelines: The Indemnity Provision and Eminent Domain Law Update (June 2016)
- To Retain or Destroy- THAT is the Question – Fort Worth Financial Services Seminar (May 2014)
- Think Before You Click: E-discovery issues of today – Fort Worth Financial Services Seminar (April 2013)

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- Modern Land Issues Affecting Oil and Gas Development – AICPA National Conference (October 2013)
- West Virginia: The Fate of Hydraulic Drilling – Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar (August 2013)
- "Municipal Regulation of Urban Drilling: How Far Is Too Far?" –Institute for Energy Law, 61st Annual Oil and Gas Law Conference (February 2010); Updated (November 2013)
- Extraordinary Pre-judgment Remedies – Fort Worth Financial Services Seminar (April 2012)
- Eagle Ford Shale: Issues of Today and Into the Future - Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar (September 2011)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Factual Causation: The Missing Link in Hydraulic Fracture - Groundwater Contamination Litigation, published 22 Duke University Environmental Law & Policy Forum 341, 2012 (co-authored with Jeff King)
- What's in the Pipeline? An Update on Eminent Domain Law, Texas Bar Journal (March 2016)

### **PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association; CLE Committee (Co-Chair, 2008)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (Fellow, 2005-present)
- Dallas Bar Association Judiciary Committee (Co-Chair, 2004-2007); Leadership Class (2002)
- The College of the State Bar of Texas (2003-present)
- Tarrant County Bar Association (Chair, Energy Section, 2011-2012)
- Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court (Associate Member, 2006)
- Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court (Barrister, 2009-2012)
- Adjunct Professor, TCU Tandy Center Petroleum Land Management Certification
- Ladies On The Lamb, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (Treasurer, 2014-2018)
- Women's Energy Network- North Texas Chapter Public Relations Director (2016, 2017)

### **ADMISSIONS**

- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

### **EDUCATION**

J.D., University of Houston, 2000 (*cum laude*, Member, *University of Houston Law Review* 1998-2000, Order of the Barons, Moot Court Team)

B.S., Texas A&M University, 1996 (Alpha Delta Honorary Fraternity)

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Recognized in the "We've Come a Long Way – Celebrating Top Women in the North Texas Oil & Gas Industry" exhibit, Hamon Oil and Gas Resource Center at the Dallas Public Library, 2017
- Women in Energy Law Award, Texas Lawyer, 2016
- Winning Women In Texas, Texas Lawyer, 2011
- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2004-2014
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2014-2018
- 40 Under 40, Fort Worth Business Press, 2010
- Tarrant County's Top Attorneys, Fort Worth, Texas, 2011-2017
- AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Named Best Lawyers In America
- The College of the State Bar of Texas, 2003-2018
- Adjunct Professor, TCU Neely School of Business, Critical Concepts In Oil and Gas Law and Negotiating the Oil and Gas Lease, 2011-2014
- Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation

### **REPRESENTATIVE WORK**

- Worked with clients through all phases of state court litigation including receiverships, trial, post-judgment enforcement, and appeals.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in royalty litigation.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in ground water contamination litigation.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in hydraulic fracturing cases.

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- Defense of oil and gas producers in Texas state courts concerning surface damages caused by drilling operations.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in Texas state courts concerning title issues.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in Texas state courts concerning auditing and payment disputes.
- Defense of oil and gas producers in lease termination cases.
- Prosecution of inverse condemnation cases for projects against municipalities.
- Maintains specialized practice in the area of eminent domain, representing midstream energy clients and other condemning authorities in a variety of matters involving real property rights acquisitions, easement negotiations, condemnation proceedings, right to take challenges and subsequent litigation.
  - Eminent domain and transactional counsel for multi-county segments of 790-mile natural gas liquids pipeline from the Permian Basin to Mont Belvieu, Texas
  - Eminent domain and transactional counsel for multi-county Texas segment of a 831-mile interstate crude petroleum pipeline
  - Eminent domain and transactional counsel for railroad company acquiring right-of-way for new 9 mile, common carrier railroad project in Medina County, Texas.
  - Eminent domain and transactional counsel for a 58 mile, 345 kV double circuit line, from the Zenith Substation in Harris County to its Gibbons Creek Substation in Grimes County
  - Eminent domain and transactional counsel for multi-county segments of 580-mile NGL pipeline from Skellytown, Texas to fractionation and storage facilities in Mont Belvieu, Texas
  - Eminent domain and transactional counsel for a 322-mile NGL pipeline from Glasscock County to Navarro County, Texas
  - Representing energy companies as owner of property being condemned by the Texas Department of Transportation in eminent domain proceedings throughout the State of Texas.