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BIOGRAPHY

Jane Jackson focuses her practice in the areas of environmental litigation, oil and gas, and commercial litigation. She handles the defense of environmental claims by landowners alleging environmental damage arising from oil and gas exploration and production operations. Ms. Jackson has represented public entities in land use cases involving the appropriation of property for constructing and maintaining hurricane protection levees, and she also has experience handling cases involving land loss claims in coastal areas, toxic torts, maritime personal injury, and construction contracts. Ms. Jackson has also handled litigation involving breach of contract and construction disputes. Ms. Jackson works closely with clients to develop litigation strategies and with key fact and expert witnesses to prepare them for deposition and trial testimony. Ms. Jackson represents clients in federal and state court and has experience at both the trial and appellate court levels.

Ms. Jackson earned her JD, *summa cum laude*, from Tulane University Law School where she served as Articles Editor of *Tulane Law Review*. She also received the Rufus C. Harris Award in Torts and CALI Excellence Awards in Successions, Donations, & Trusts; Torts; Contracts II; and Toxic Tort Litigation & Practice.

In October 2015, Ms. Jackson was an honoree in the New Orleans *CityBusiness* "Ones to Watch" in the legal field feature, and she received the New Orleans *CityBusiness* 2018 Leadership in Law Award.

EXPERIENCE AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Successfully opposed petition for writ of certiorari before the United States Supreme Court seeking review of Fifth Amendment's just compensation requirements
- Primary drafter for writ application, opposition to writ application, and briefs on the merits to Louisiana Supreme Court in case involving compensation owed for levee servitude appropriation
- Obtained judgment in Louisiana appellate court affirming ruling of trial court decision to dismiss lawsuit against client in case involving alleged environmental damage to property
- Represented levee district in a case on appeal involving compensation owed to landowners under the Louisiana Constitution for appropriation of property for use in hurricane protection levee
- Defeated opposing parties' applications for supervisory writs to Louisiana appellate court and Louisiana Supreme Court in connection with trial court judgment enforcing settlement
- Obtained dismissal of plaintiff's \$20+ million claims on summary judgment in case involving alleged environmental damage to property
- Defense of independent and mid-sized oil and gas companies in lawsuits by landowners and public entities alleging

- soil and groundwater contamination and land loss arising from oil and gas exploration and production operations
- Represent oil and gas operators before Louisiana Board of Tax Appeals regarding disputed severance tax assessments
- Advised beachfront development district regarding coastal use permits and activities permitted on beach
- Defense of former gas plant owner in suit alleging damage from historic operations and alleged pollution
- Defense of vessel owner in personal injury claim under Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act
- Defend companies against claims by plaintiffs alleging illness caused by exposure to benzene
- Negotiated favorable settlement for client in foreclosure case

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

AFFILIATIONS

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Tulane Law School American Inn of Court, Member
- Women's Energy Network, Member
- IEL Young Energy Professionals, Member
- Professional Landmen's Association of New Orleans (PLANO)

HONORS

- Louisiana Super Lawyers Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2020
 - Energy & Resources
- Leadership in Law Award, *New Orleans CityBusiness*, 2018, 2021
- Pro Bono Publico Award Recipient, Louisiana State Bar Association, 2016
- Pro Bono Century Award Recipient, Louisiana State Bar Association, 2015-2016
- "Ones to Watch", *New Orleans CityBusiness*, 2015

EDUCATION

- Tulane University, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2010
- Tulane University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2006

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Louisiana, 2010
- State Bar of Texas, 2018
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, "Supreme Court Showdown: Legacy and Related Citizen Suits Update," 69th Annual Mineral Law Institute, March 2022
- Author, "[Louisiana Appellate Courts Weigh In On R.S. 30:16 Citizen Suit](#)," IEL Energy Law Advisor, November 2021
- Author, "[Louisiana State Court Provides Guidance in the Recent Trend of Citizen Suits Under Environmental Statute](#)," IEL Energy Law Advisor, May 2020
- Author, "[Recent Trend: Addressing Oilfield Contamination Through Citizen Suits](#)," LOGA Industry Report, Summer 2018
- Speaker, Citizen Suits Under Environmental Statutes, LSU Mineral Law Institute, March 2018
- Author, "Interpreting Ne Exeat Rights as Rights of Custody: The United States Supreme Court's Chance to Advance the Purposes of The Hague Convention on International Child Abduction," 84 Tul. L. Rev. 195 (2009)

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Kelly Ransom is a partner in Kelly Hart's New Orleans office and focuses her practice on energy and environmental litigation, patent litigation, and other high-stakes, complex litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Ms. Ransom represents oil and gas companies in cases involving environmental damage claims, gas storage and migration issues, royalty disputes, and mineral lease termination claims, and she has defended clients in dozens of high-stakes "legacy litigation" cases involving claims of coastal land loss and damaged hydrology in wetlands. She also represents some of the world's largest technology companies in patent litigation cases in the nation's fastest-growing major patent venue, the Western District of Texas, Waco Division.

Ms. Ransom was recently recognized by Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch in three practice areas—Energy Law, Oil and Gas Law, and Environmental Law—and by Louisiana Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in Energy Litigation. She is the Managing Editor of the Institute for Energy Law's longest running publication, the Energy Law Advisor, and is on the Institute's Executive Committee. She is also active in her local community and serves on several local non-profit boards. She is President of the Board of Directors of New Harmony High, a state-chartered high school in New Orleans, Louisiana that has received national recognition for educating students through the lens of coastal restoration and preservation.

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REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- *Enable Mississippi River Transmission LLC v. Linn Energy Holdings, LLC, et al.*, 3:15-CV-01625 (W.D. La. 2016) (dismissing claims brought under Natural Gas Act).
- *Enable Mississippi River Transmission LLC v. Linn Energy Holdings, LLC, et al.*, U.S. Bankruptcy Court S.D. Tx., Houston Div. 16-60040 (DRJ), Adversary No. 16-6017 (11/28/18 Order) (granting Motion to Dismiss claims relating to gas storage facility)
- *D&D Cajun Ventures, LLC v. Atlantic Richfield Company, et al.*, No. 87694, Div. L, 15th JDC, Vermillion Parish, Louisiana (dismissing numerous claims, including Louisiana Mineral Code claims, through pretrial motion practice)
- *ConocoPhillips Company v. Texas Petroleum Investment Company, et al.*, 113th JDC, Harris County, Texas, No. 2011-46437; *Texas Petroleum Investment Company v. Elysium West LLC*, 113th JDC, Harris County, Texas, No. 2011-46437-B (defended client in litigation involving indemnity claim arising from settlement of legacy lawsuit)

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

AFFILIATIONS

- Center for American and International Law's Institute for Energy Law
 - Executive Committee, 2019-Present
 - Vice Chair, Communications Committee, 2022-Present
 - Vice Chair, Young Energy Professionals Programs Sub-Committee, 2020-2021.
- *The Energy Law Advisor*, Managing Editor, 2019-Present
- New Harmony High, XQ Super School, President of Board of Directors, 2018-Present
- American Bar Association
- Louisiana Oil and Gas Association
- Women's Energy Network

HONORS

- Best Lawyers®, New Orleans-Ones to Watch, *U.S. News & World Report*, 2022
 - Energy Law
 - Environmental Law
 - Oil and Gas Law
- Louisiana Super Lawyers Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2021
 - Energy & Resources Law
- Leadership in Law Honoree, New Orleans *CityBusiness*, 2020
- Woman of the Year, New Orleans *CityBusiness*, 2016, 2020

EDUCATION

- Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 2007
 - Moot Court National Team Member, 2006-2007
 - Moot Court Executive Board Member, 2006-2007
 - Certificate in Trial Advocacy
 - Scholar in Merit Awards for highest grade in Pre-Trial Practice and Procedure; Wills, Trusts, and Estates; Real Estate Transactions; and Domestic Relations
 - National Order of Barristers Honors Society
 - Dean's List, 2004-2007
- Rhodes College, B.A., Political Science, 2003

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Louisiana
- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of Alabama
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

- Moderator, General Counsel Panel at Institute for Energy Law's 73rd Annual Energy Law Conference, February 18, 2022
- Author, "[Fifth Circuit Reverses 2020 Decision on Timeliness of Removal of Louisiana Coastal Zone Lawsuits](#)," Center for American and International Law, Energy Law Advisor, Vol. 15, Issue No. 2, August 2021
- Speaker, "Environmental Litigation – Trends and Coming Threats," [Institute for Energy Law's 2nd Energy and Environmental Law Virtual Conference](#), March 2021
- Author, "[Fifth Circuit Affirms Remand Orders in Louisiana Coastal Zone Lawsuits](#)," Center for American and International Law, Energy Law Advisor, September, 2020
- Author, "Professional Lessons I Learned Outside of My Actual Profession," Institute for Energy Law, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Issue 8, January 2020
- Author, "Expert Interview of Kathleen Magruder Hiersche," Institute for Energy Law, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Issue 7, October 2019
- Editor, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Institute for Energy Law, Issue 7, October 2019
- Editor, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Institute for Energy Law, Issue 6, July 2019
- Speaker, "Extinction is the Rule, Survival the Exception: Maintaining the Lease During the Secondary Term in the Absence of Producing in Paying Quantities," 66 Mineral Law Institute, March 2019
- Moderator, "Developing an Energy Network – Fuel for a Career," Institute for Energy Law, National Young Energy Professionals' Law Conference, April 2018
- Author, "Young Lawyers Corner: Advising Clients on Their Duty to Preserve Evidence," ABA Section of Litigation, Mass Torts Journal, Vol. 9, No. 2, p. 5, Winter 2011