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Connor Bourland is a senior associate in the Litigation & Trial Practice Group. He focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on oil and gas dispute resolution and appeals to the Texas Courts of Appeals and Texas Supreme Court. Connor's complex commercial litigation experience includes contract and fraud disputes, trespass-to-try-title suits, and oil and gas lease termination disputes in state and federal court.

Connor earned his J.D., with highest honors, from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where he served as research editor of the *Oklahoma Law Review*, was selected to the Order of the Coif and Order of the Barristers, and won a national championship in moot court. Connor also served as a judicial intern for the Hon. Robert Bacharach, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the Hon. Patrick Wyrick, Oklahoma Supreme Court. In addition, he was selected as the 2018 Distinguished Law Student for the Tenth Circuit by the American College of Bankruptcy.

Representative Experience

- Appellate counsel for a Texas-based nuclear company defending the summary judgment victory on Title VII, ADA, and ADEA claims brought by the company's employee. Summary judgment affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. *Drerup v. Consol. Nuclear Sec., LLC*, No. 21-10600 (5th Cir.).
- Second-chaired a trial and obtained unanimous defense verdict for a Fort Worth-based private equity company on a fraud claim valued at over \$25 million involving the lease and sale of minerals in Borden County, TX.
- Appellate counsel for a Texas-based oil and gas operator defending dismissal of fraud claims by the trial court. Dismissal affirmed by the Eastland Court of Appeals. *Hughes v. CJM Res., LP*, 640 S.W.3d 623 (Tex. App.—Eastland).
- Obtained a favorable settlement for a Midland-based operator on breach of contract claims involving water wells in Montague County, TX.
- Appellate counsel for an undocumented immigrant seeking reversal of the Board of Immigration Appeals' deportation decision. Secured a remand to BIA from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. *Rios-Bustos v. Garland*, No. 21-60018 (5th Cir.).

Publications & Presentations

Presentations

- "Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen - Consent, Assign; Resent, Resign," Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen January Meeting, January 20, 2022.

- “DFW Association of Lease and Title Analysts - Consent, Assign; Resent, Resign,” DFW Association of Lease and Title Analysts (ALTA) August Meeting, August 18, 2021.
- “Perpetual Motion- Current Issues in Continuous Development Clauses,” December Meeting and Spring Seminar, December 9, 2020 and May 24, 2021 (Spring Seminar).
- “Continuous Development Clause Litigation CLE,” Dallas Bar Association Energy Section January Meeting, January 20, 2021.

Professional & Community Engagement

- North Texas Performing Arts, board
- University of Oklahoma Theatre Guild, board
- The Federalist Society
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Education

- University of Oklahoma (J.D., 2018)
- University of Oklahoma (B.F.A., 2015)

Admitted to Practice

- Texas

Related Services

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