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BIOGRAPHY

Jeff Grable is a partner in the firm's Energy practice. He has been continuously engaged in private practice in Fort Worth and Tarrant County since 1996 and specializes in oil and gas law, representing clients in both disputes and transactions.

Mr. Grable's practice is organized within three broad areas:

Oil and Gas Litigation Mr. Grable has over 20 years experience litigating trials and appeals in state and federal courts and in arbitrations. During his career, Mr. Grable has successfully tried numerous cases resulting in favorable verdicts, judgments, settlements, recoveries, and results for the firm's clients. His experience includes both jury and non-jury trials and arbitral proceedings as first-chair and second-chair counsel at trial. His practice is devoted to the representation of operators and interest owners in all manner of disputes within the upstream and midstream segments of the industry. Representative matters have ranged from complex mineral ownership and title disputes to litigation over lease obligations and operations (see Experience and Highlights below).

Oil and Gas Transactions In addition to disputes, Mr. Grable represents energy clients and mineral owners in transactions and conveyances, such as leases, surface use agreements, assignments, mineral and royalty deeds, easements and rights-of-way, and other typical industry agreements. Also, he advises clients on oil and gas laws and regulations.

Business Litigation and Counsel Additionally, Mr. Grable counsels and represents both individuals and businesses in regard to their general legal affairs and in civil disputes and litigation. He has broad experience handling a variety of business disputes and litigation within the railroad and transportation industries, among others. Mr. Grable's general and business litigation experience is varied and includes commercial law, financial services, contracts, partnerships, trade secrets, defamation, equine disputes and stock laws, real estate, land-related disputes, eminent domain, insurance and personal injury defense.

EXPERIENCE AND HIGHLIGHTS

- *Maggie Banner Kerr v. BOPCO, L.P.*, Cause No. 243-CV; County Court of Terrell County, Texas (2016)(represented BOPCO, L.P., in non-jury trial – judgment for client and case dismissed by Plaintiff/Appellant on appeal)
- *William Cy Banner v. BOPCO, L.P.*, Cause No. 242-CV; County Court of Terrell County, Texas (2016)(represented BOPCO, L.P., in non-jury trial – judgment for client and case dismissed by Plaintiff/Appellant on appeal)
- *Friend v. BOPCO, L.P.*, Cause No. 96-2052; Justice Court, Precinct No. 4, Terrell County, Texas (2016)(represented BOPCO, L.P., in non-jury trial – judgment for client)
- *Holt v. BOPCO, L.P.*, Cause No. 96-2054; Justice Court, Precinct No. 4, Terrell County, Texas (2016)(represented BOPCO, L.P., in non-jury trial – judgment for client)
- *McMullan v. BOPCO, L.P.*, Cause No. 96-2055; Justice Court, Precinct No. 4, Terrell County, Texas (2016)(represented

BOPCO, L.P., in non-jury trial – judgment for client)

- *Wilson Hardin Banner v. BOPCO, L.P.*, Cause No. 96-2058; Justice Court, Precinct No. 4, Terrell County, Texas (2016)(represented BOPCO, L.P., in non-jury trial – judgment for client)
- *DB Barnett, L.P., v. Gillock*, Cause No. 10-16-00385-CV; (Tex. App. – Waco 2017, appeal pending)(represented Burnett Oil Co. as Intervenor in multi-party mineral ownership dispute – jury verdict in favor of client and co-defendants; case is now on appeal to 10th Court of Appeals, Waco, Texas)
- *Clayton Williams Energy et al., v. BMT O & G TX et al.*, 473 S.W.3d 341 (Tex. App. – El Paso 2015)(non-jury trial – multi-million dollar judgment for Delaware Basin mineral owner clients against Clayton Williams Energy and its farmor for trespass and breach of lease; on Petition for Review to Texas Supreme Court)
- *Golden v. Energy & Exploration Partners, LLC* 2013 WL 173748 (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 2013, no pet.)
- *Helmerich & Payne Intern. Drilling Co. v. BOPCO, L.P.*, 357 S.W.3d 801 (Tex. App. – Eastland 2011, no pet.)
- *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co. v. South Plains Switching, Ltd. Co.* 174 S.W.3d 348, (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 2005, no pet.)
- *ABN Amro Mortg. Group, Inc. v. CBSK Financial Group, Inc.*, 2004 WL 2452022 (N.D. Tex. 2004)
- *Jones v. American Airlines, Inc.*, 131 S.W.3d 261 (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 2003, no pet.)
- *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co. v. Am. Train Dispatchers' Ass'n.*, No. 05-CV-152, 2005 WL 1132983 (N.D. Tex. May 12, 2005)
- *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co. v. Am. Train Dispatchers' Ass'n.*, 2010 WL 2697153 (N.D. Tex. July 6, 2010)(as local counsel)
- *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co. v. Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way*, 523 F.Supp.2d 498 (N.D. Tex. Nov. 16 2007)(as local counsel)
- *Hoffman v. Meckling*, 139 F.3d 899, 1998 WL 127864 (5th Cir. Mar. 11 1998)
- *Presco Polymers, L.P. v. Glenda Olson and C.H. Hanson Company, Inc.*, Cause No. 95-13197-I; 162nd District Court of Dallas County, Texas (1998)(represented clients in multi-week jury trial in defense of trade secret and fraud claims – defense verdict and take nothing judgment in favor of clients with no appeal)

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

AFFILIATIONS

- Tarrant County Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
 - Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section
 - Litigation Section
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA), Member

- Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Senior Warden of Vestry, 2015-2016

HONORS

- Best Lawyers in America®, *U.S. News & World Reports*, 2023
 - Energy Law
- Top Attorney, *360 West* magazine, 2017-2022
 - Oil & Gas Law
- Top Attorney, *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine, 2009-2016, 2018-2020
 - Oil & Gas Law

- Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Vestry Member, 2014-2017
- Rated AV® by Martindale-Hubbell "Peer Review Rated" 2007-2017

- Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2009-2011

EDUCATION

- Texas Tech University School of Law, J.D., 1996
 - *Texas Tech Law Review*, Executive Board of Editors, Student Writing Editor
- Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1993

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Texas, 1996
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

- "[Texas Steps in Harms Way: Reversible Error Established When Suit is Transferred From Plaintiff's Original County of Proper Venue to Another County of Proper Venue: Wilson v. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#)," 37 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 1147 (June 22, 1994), 26 Tex. Tech L. Rev. 139 (1995)