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THE FACTS

- J.D. (with honors), The University of Texas School of Law, 1997
- B.A. (with honors), The University of Texas at Austin, 1994
- Certification in Advanced Arbitration Skills, A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, University of Houston Law Center, 2014

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BIOGRAPHY

Joel Montgomery's practice focuses on complex commercial arbitration and litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. He has significant experience representing companies in contract disputes, construction, joint venture, personal injury, and property litigation. Clients include corporations as well as individuals in cases involving such issues as commercial torts, breach of contract, property, and significant personal injury claims.

In addition to an active trial practice in Texas courts, Mr. Montgomery represents clients in Texas appellate courts and in proceedings before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), and other arbitration tribunals.

SELECTED MATTERS

- Multiple representations of major refining and marketing company in breach of contract, commercial torts, and personal injury matters.
- Multiple representations of electric transmission and distribution utility in obtaining multiple favorable jury verdicts involving commercial and personal injury claims arising from electrical contact, easement, and property disputes.
- Represented an international petrochemical company in AAA arbitration that involved complex accounting, non-competition, and contractual issues arising from a 50-year joint venture.
- Represented a private equity firm specializing in buyout investments in the energy sector in successfully resolving a series of Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contract disputes regarding the redevelopment of electric generation facilities in south Texas.
- Represented a Guatemalan consortium in ICDR arbitration for claims arising from an electric generation plant development project.
- Represented a family trust in securities litigation against a commercial real estate finance company for “aider and abettor” liability under the Texas Securities Act and for statutory fraud, arising out of a commercial real estate 1031 exchange and tenant in common investment scheme.
- Successfully defended \$170 million valuation dispute for petrochemical joint venture partner in AAA arbitration arising from a styrene/propylene oxide manufacturing facility and related operating and offtake agreements.
- Represented a former executive in AAA arbitration on breach of contract claims against a national industrial gas distribution company, and successfully defended counter-claims for tortious interference, misappropriation of trade secrets, and breach of non-competition agreement.
- Represented a national financial services firm in state and federal courts, as well as NASD (now FINRA) arbitrations, in connection

with federal and state securities fraud claims brought by more than 500 plaintiffs arising from a commercial real estate investment program.

- Represented natural gas transmission company in successfully defending trespass claims arising from a natural gas pipeline easement dispute.

DETAILS

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Houston Bar Association
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas

HONORS & AWARDS

- Rated AV® Preeminent™ by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell
- Ranked Band 4 in Litigation: General Commercial - Texas: Houston & Surrounds by Chambers & Partners
- Multi-year recognition as a "Texas SuperLawyer" (a Thompson Reuters Service).