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Sarah Casey is a litigator in the New Orleans office, concentrating her practice in the areas of oil and gas, personal injury defense, and labor and employment.

Ms. Casey's oil and gas experience includes handling disputes over surface damage, mineral leases and deeds, and royalties, as well as legacy lawsuits. She also defends commercial motor carrier and railroad clients against personal injury claims. Ms. Casey's labor and employment experience includes assisting corporate clients in responding to EEOC discrimination charges, drafting and revising employee policies, procedures, and handbooks, and representing clients in a variety of litigation.

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended a natural gas pipeline company in a legacy lawsuit alleging millions of dollars in contamination to property located in south Louisiana, with the defendant arguing that none of the constituents alleged to have contaminated the property could have originated from the defendant's operations. The court dismissed the company from the suit in one of the first instances after legislature enacted amendments to governing statute permitting dismissals after pretrial evidentiary hearing.
- Obtained a favorable ruling on behalf of an energy corporation from the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit, affirming the state court's holding after a trial that depth limitation language in a \$260 million mineral purchase agreement was unambiguous and that the corporation was the rightful owner of the oil, gas and minerals at issue, with the case demanding a detailed analysis of contract law, as well as an understanding of the complexities of geologic formations and correlative oil and gas well markers.
- Won summary judgment in favor of an energy company in a lawsuit in which the plaintiffs claimed that the company was liable for millions in lost leasing opportunity damages because it leased minerals from a co-defendant that plaintiffs argued were owned by them.
- Won multiple summary judgments in favor of railroad company in crossing accident lawsuits brought by plaintiffs alleging negligent operation and failure to warn.
- Successfully defended a national bank against claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, winning a motion for judgment on partial findings of fact after the plaintiff rested her case at the bench trial.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Board Member – Youth Run NOLA (local non-profit creating and empowering a community of healthy young leaders through running)
 - Interim Board Chair
- Recipient – Baker Donelson's New Orleans Office Pro Bono Award (2010)

Publications

- "Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (January 2023)
- Co-author – "Federal Fifth Circuit Holds Debtor-in-Possession Lessee is Bona Fide Purchaser," Institute for Energy Law's Oil & Gas E-Report (October 2018)

- Editor – "Water Rights and Their Impact on Shale Gas Development," chapter, *The Shale Energy Revolution: A Lawyer's Guide*, Energy Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation (2015)
- "The Good Faith Predicament: Actual Production and Prescription," LOGA Industry Report (Fall 2014)
- "6th Cir. Vacates EPA's Final Determination of 'Adjacent' Facilities'," *ABA Section of Litigation, Energy Litigation* (August 2012)
- "Pain at the Pump Prompts Political Action," *ABA Section of Litigation, Energy Litigation* (September 2011)



Speaking Engagements

- "Recent Developments in Mineral Law" (March 2024)
- Co-presenter – "Simplifying Expert Testimony with Headlines and Themes," Louisiana State Bar Association's seminar "Playing Their Song: Using Themes and Headlines to Persuade the Jury" (April 2019)
- Co-presenter – "FMLA and ADA Regulations," CEO Roundtable presentation, Louisiana Chapter of Entrepreneurs Organization (EO Louisiana) (April 2017)
- Co-presenter – "Disability Discrimination and the Pre-Employment Physical," ABA/EEO CLE, New Orleans, Louisiana (April 2014)
- Co-presenter – "Water Use in Onshore Natural Gas and Petroleum Production and Development," Louisiana Water Laws and Regulations Seminar sponsored by Halfmoon Seminars (June 2012)



Education

- Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D., 2009, summa cum laude
 - Lead Articles Editor, *Quinnipiac Law Review*
 - Dean's Fellow Scholarship
 - Zeldes, Needle & Cooper Award for Excellence in Legal Writing
 - Distinguished Academic Achievement Award for Administrative Law; Lawyers' Professional Responsibility; Visual Persuasion and the Law; and Jurisprudence
- University of New Orleans, M.Ed., 2006
- Millsaps College, B.A., 2000, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa



Admissions

- Louisiana (2009)