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OVERVIEW

Elizabeth Tiblets is a partner in the firm's Oil, Gas, and Resources practice. Elizabeth focuses her practice on complex litigation involving the energy industry. She represents her clients in their high-stakes disputes throughout the United States, including those involving alleged royalty underpayment, title questions, and a wide variety of other contract issues, such as obligations under operating agreements and purchase agreements. Elizabeth is extremely proficient in handling putative class action lawsuits and has done so in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth has tried cases to the bench and to jury verdict, in addition to handling class certification hearings and arbitrations. She also represents clients in appellate matters.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Elizabeth was of counsel at a national law firm and an associate at an international law firm. Prior to attending law school, Elizabeth worked for a Q Investments, L.P., a multi-billion dollar private investment firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for Energy litigation: oil and gas, 2024
- Recognized by *Chambers USA* as Band 1 for Oil & Gas Litigation nationally, 2020-2024
- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2016-2018

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law, Council Member, 2024-present

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Recent Trends in Oil & Gas Class Actions - Fort Worth Oil & Gas Seminar
- Cotenant Issues - Texas State Bar Oil and Gas Disputes CLE
- Litigation Update - 2021, Energy & Mineral Law Foundation
- Current Landscape of Royalty Dispute Litigation - Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation
- Emerging and Re-Emerging Issues in Royalty Calculation and Post-Production Costs – 70th Annual Natural Resources and Energy Law Institute, Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 2008 (*cum laude*; *International Law Review Association*)
- B.B.A., Texas Christian University, 2003 (*summa cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of North Dakota
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas

NEWS & EVENTS

- 17 October 2024, Upstream Oil and Gas Legal Conference, Hosted by Institute for Energy Law
- 6 June 2024, K&L Gates Receives More Than 200 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2024 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 1 June 2023, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2023 *Chambers USA* Guide

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 1 June 2022, K&L Gates Receives Firm, Individual Rankings in 2022 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 21 May 2021, K&L Gates' Energy, Infrastructure, and Resources Practice, Lawyers Named Among Leaders in 2021 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 22 March 2018, K&L Gates Adds Five-Lawyer Energy Team in Texas

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Appellate Litigation
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Commercial Disputes

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a large US exploration and production company in a putative class action regarding a previously-undecided question regarding North Dakota royalty interpretation.
- Represented a major exploration and production company as first chair in a trial that ended with a unanimous jury verdict for the company.
- Represented a major exploration and production company in a complex co-owner dispute involving the parties' joint operating agreement and whether post-production costs could be deducted from an overriding royalty interest.
- Represented a major exploration and production company in a development dispute.
- Represented a subsidiary of a global publicly-traded oil and gas company in an arbitration to determine royalty trust's liability for certain expenses.
- Represented a subsidiary of a global publicly-traded oil and gas company in numerous putative class actions filed by royalty owners throughout the United States (Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and North Dakota).

- Represented a large US exploration and production company in royalty owner lawsuits pending in Oklahoma state court.
- Represented one of the nation's largest gas producers in two putative class actions in Arkansas state court and played a major role in both class certification hearings.
- Represented a large exploration and production company in royalty litigation, including an appeal regarding the propriety of venue.
- Represented a regional energy company in a breach of purchase agreement case that resulted in a \$21.5 million judgment against a large gas producer.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in lawsuits throughout the Eagle Ford Shale area relating to complex title and breach of contract issues.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in class action lawsuits alleging underpayment of royalties and improper deductions from royalty payments.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in various lawsuits throughout Texas related to gathering system charges and the calculation of royalties, generally.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in an Oklahoma lawsuit alleging failure to develop and breach of contract.
- Represented a family-owned energy company in an East Texas lease purchase dispute against a large gas producer.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in interlocutory appeal and mandamus stemming from class action.
- Represented a major oil and gas company in various appeals involving post-production deductions and other contract interpretation issues.
- Represented an international helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft manufacturer in an appeal of a state court judgment.

Reported Decisions

- *Blasi, et al. v. Continental Resources, Inc., et al.*, 959 N.W.2d 872 (N.D. 2021)
- *Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP v. Texas Crude Energy, LLC*, 573 S.W.3D 198 (Tex. 2019).
- *Phillips Petroleum Company v. Yarbrough*, 405 S.W.3d 70 (Tex. 2013).