



Rory P. Hatch

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OVERVIEW

Rory Hatch is an associate in the firm's Houston office and is a member of our oil, gas, and resources practice group. His practice covers a variety of energy litigation matters, property rights disputes, and eminent domain. Rory also has general commercial litigation experience in cases involving business torts, defamation and newsgathering issues, personal injury claims, and post-judgment issues, including appeals.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Rory was a litigation associate in the Houston office of national law firm. He also clerked for the Honorable Harvey Brown in the Texas First Court of Appeals.

During law school, Rory was invited to join U.T. Law's prestigious Supreme Court Clinic, which assists in representing clients before the Supreme Court of the United States. He was also an articles editor for *The Review of Litigation* and a judicial intern for the Honorable Lee Yeakel in the Western District of Texas.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- University of Texas School of Law - Endowed Presidential Scholar

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- International Right-of-Way Association
- Garland R. Walker Inn of Court
- Houston Christian Legal Society (treasurer)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Eminent Domain CLE/Pipeline Takings: Common Carrier Issues, July 2019

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 2014 (*honors*)
- B.A., Rice University, 2011

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Into Thin Air: The Clean Air Act and Unconstitutional Taking by Preemption of State Common Law, 33 Review of Litigation 711

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch (*Rankings & Recognitions*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Oil and Gas
- Construction and Infrastructure

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Energy Disputes