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Overview

Laura Brown is an energy and environmental litigation attorney, with emphasis on high-stakes “legacy” and coastal land loss litigation.

Laura defends oil and gas clients—from small midstream entities to the largest E&P companies in the world—in both state and federal court and in state regulatory proceedings. In addition to her environmental practice, Laura enjoys diversifying her work with a variety of general litigation, appellate, and pro bono matters. She has written and presented on the nationally significant topic of Louisiana’s coastal litigation at conferences and CLEs in Louisiana and Texas.

Experience

- In federal court, defended major oil companies against claim by local governmental entity seeking billions of dollars for alleged marsh loss in southeast Louisiana. The case was dismissed by the Eastern District of Louisiana, the U.S. Fifth Circuit affirmed, and the United States Supreme Court denied cert.
- Defends major oil companies from claims by the State and parish governments that seek damages and restoration for land loss allegedly caused by non-compliance with environmental permits
- In Louisiana state court and before State regulatory agency, defended large energy company from landowner who sought hundreds of millions of dollars in damages from alleged oilfield contamination resulting from decades of oil and gas production
- Represented client for the appeal of an adverse trial court judgment involving property rights in a multi-million dollar residence; the appellate court reversed and rendered judgment in favor of the client
- Represented client pro bono on behalf of the Orleans Public Defenders, handling all aspects of the trial and appeal

Involvement

Professional

- Laura is a member of the Women’s Energy Network - South Louisiana Chapter, where she serves on the Board. As the Community Initiatives

Practice Areas

Energy Litigation
Toxic Tort & Environmental Litigation

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 2012

Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, J.D./D.C.L., *summa cum laude*, 2012

- Valedictorian
- Order of the Coif
- *Louisiana Law Review*, Junior Associate, 2010–2011, Senior Associate and Issue Editor, 2011–2012
- Moot Court Board

Louisiana State University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2009

- University Medalist (Valedictorian)
- College Honors

Chair, Laura implements mentoring events for women in the energy industry and organizes WEN's participation in volunteer events to promote STEM education in primary schools.

- Laura is a member of the Young Energy Professionals division of the Institute for Energy Law, where her involvement has included speaking at the First National Young Energy Professionals' Law Conference.
- Served on Louisiana State Law Institute committee that drafted legislation involving sales of mineral rights
- During her legal career, Laura's pro bono work has included handling paternity, interdiction, and TPR matters for The Pro Bono Project and the Orleans Public Defenders, serving on the Pro Bono Project's Justice for All Ball planning committee (2016, 2017) and volunteerism with the New Orleans Civil District Court's Domestic Self-Help Desk and the H.E.L.P. program providing legal services to New Orleans' homeless citizens.

Community

- Laura is a parishioner of Christ Church Cathedral and a member of its Vestry, where she currently serves as Secretary.
- As a member of the New Orleans Film Society, Laura has worked as a screener for the New Orleans Film Festival in the categories of animated shorts or narrative shorts since 2016.

Recognition

- *New Orleans Magazine "Top Lawyer," 2017*
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers "Rising Star," 2018-2019*
- Junior Honorary Member of the Louisiana State Law Institute, 2013



Publications

- "Expropriation ruling explains landowner's burden to prove severance damages to a 'legal certainty.'" Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog, November 12, 2018
- Louisiana Supreme Court's reversal of Gloria's Ranch clarifies calculation of damages for unpaid mineral royalties, provides relief for holders of security interests in mineral rights
- Federal Court Finds A Continuing Duty Under Louisiana Law To Prevent The Erosion of Pipeline Canals
- Strong Dissent Warns of "Devastating Economic Repercussions" of Second Circuit's Decision in Oil & Gas Case
- "Trial Court Rules that Article 22's "Original Condition" Refers to Property's Condition at the Creation of a Mineral Servitude," Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog, July 14, 2017
- "U.S. Fifth Circuit Affirms Dismissal of Levee Board's Lawsuit Against 97 Oil and Gas Companies," Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog, March 3, 2017
- "First Parish Coastal Zone Lawsuit to Proceed to Decision Falls for Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies," Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog, August 9, 2016
- "Tightening the Timeline for Original Condition: the First Circuit Denies Writ from Ruling Applying Subsequent Purchaser Doctrine to Dismiss Claims Against a Mineral Servitude Owner," Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog, June 14, 2016
- "Regulating the Regulators: Supreme Court Allows Judicial Review of Clean Water Act Determinations," Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog, June 1, 2016"

- “Act 312: Federal Court Holds That Plaintiff Cannot Pocket “Additional Remediation Damages” Without Express Contractual Provision,” Liskow & Lewis’ The Energy Law Blog, February 5, 2016
- "Waterproofing the New Fracking Regulation: The Necessity of Defining Riparian Rights in Louisiana’s Water Law," 72 La. L. Rev. 225 (2011)

After Hours

“I enjoy learning about the world by traveling. Nothing else has taught me resourcefulness and mental toughness quite like the experience of making it through eleven countries with just one backpack. Back at home, I am an avid fiction reader, Netflix connoisseur, and aspiring writer (emphasis on “aspiration”).

News/Insights

NEWS

12.27.18

Thirty-Nine Liskow Lawyers Selected to 2019 *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, *Thomson Reuters*

INSIGHTS

6.28.18

Louisiana Supreme Court's reversal of Gloria's Ranch clarifies calculation of damages for unpaid mineral royalties, provides relief for holders of security interests in mineral rights

NEWS

5.21.18

Liskow Gives Back

NEWS

12.27.17

Forty-Four Liskow Lawyers Selected to 2018 *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, *Thomson Reuters*

NEWS

11.3.17

Forty Liskow Lawyers Named “Top Lawyer” by *New Orleans Magazine*

INSIGHTS

8.24.17

Federal Court Finds A Continuing Duty Under Louisiana Law To Prevent The Erosion of Pipeline Canals

INSIGHTS

8.8.17

Strong Dissent Warns of "Devastating Economic Repercussions" of Second Circuit's Decision in Oil & Gas Case

INSIGHTS

7.14.17

Trial Court Rules that Article 22's "Original Condition" Refers to Property's Condition at the Creation of a Mineral Servitude

EVENTS

03.31.17 - 04.01.17

1st National Young Energy Professionals’ Law Conference

INSIGHTS

3.3.17

U.S. Fifth Circuit Affirms Dismissal of Levee Board's Lawsuit Against 97 Oil and Gas Companies

INSIGHTS

8.9.16

First Parish Coastal Zone Lawsuit to Proceed to Decision Falls for Failure to Exhaust Administrative Remedies

INSIGHTS

6.14.16

Tightening the Timeline for Original Condition: the First Circuit Denies Writ from Ruling Applying Subsequent Purchaser Doctrine to Dismiss Claims Against a Mineral Servitude Owner

INSIGHTS

6.1.16

Regulating the Regulators: Supreme Court Allows Judicial Review of Clean Water Act Determinations

INSIGHTS

2.5.16

Act 312: Federal Court Holds That Plaintiff Cannot Pocket "Additional Remediation Damages" Without Express Contractual Provision