

Aaron R. Crane

Partner
Houston

Biography

Aaron Crane's clients rely on him to provide frank advice and find practical, business-oriented solutions to their most difficult problems and disputes, especially those involving business and complex commercial litigation in the energy sector.

An experienced litigator, Aaron has advised and represented clients in state and federal court, administrative and regulatory hearings, and arbitral proceedings. He represents a wide variety of stakeholders in the industry, including drilling contractors, exploration and production companies, and petrochemical refiners, marketers, producers, and associated entities.

Aaron also works with clients in the health care sector on both litigation and regulatory matters. In addition to representing various health care-related clients at the trial court level, he also represents organ transplant and procurement programs in complex proceedings before the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Aaron is as comfortable in the boardroom as he is the courtroom and has conducted internal investigations and guided clients through administrative and government investigations.

Aaron is an active participant in the pro bono program at Hogan Lovells and, as a military veteran, is particularly interested in veterans' issues. He successfully represented an injured Iraq war veteran before the U.S. Army's medical evaluation board and



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Practices

Commercial Litigation
Energy Disputes
Litigation Services
Products Law

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Class Actions and Group Litigation
E-discovery and Information Management
Hospitals and Health Care Providers
Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production

assists veterans with post-discharge disability ratings appeals. Before attending law school, Aaron was a surface warfare officer in the United States Navy, where he served as the training officer, gunnery officer, and electronic warfare officer aboard the USS John Hancock (DD-981).

Aaron is the Administrative Partner for the Houston office. He previously served as the Chair of the associate recruitment and hiring committee.

Representative experience

Represented mineral interest owners in a lawsuit against a natural gas producer that resulted in a significant settlement.

Defended medical services providers in regulatory hearings to overturn the previous recommendation of adverse action.

Represented clients in internal, administrative, and government investigations.

Defended oil and asphalt refiner in litigation and arbitration arising out of the alleged breach of a maritime shipping contract.

Defended major drilling contractor in federal litigation against a multinational oil and gas company concerning deepwater drilling operations.

Defended pipeline company in multimillion dollar commercial dispute.

Defended leading automated election company in licensing dispute.

Defended oil refiner and marketer against putative consumer class actions arising from alleged operations at branded franchise locations.

Defended medical research facility in employment and breach of contract dispute.

Obtained dismissal of complex fraud, RICO, and antitrust case for a major health care provider, affirmed on appeal by the Fifth Circuit.

Oil and Gas: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Oil and Gas: Pipelines and Midstream Facilities

Oil and Gas: Refinery and Petrochemical Projects

Oil and Gas: Supply, Marketing, and Trading

Product Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, with honors, 2005

B.S., Vanderbilt University, cum laude, 1996

Memberships

Member, Texas Bar Foundation

Member, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Environmental Enforcement and Crimes Committee (Programs Vice-Chair 2018-2022, At-Large Vice Chair and Social Media Vice Chair 2017-2018, At-Large Vice Chair 2016-2017)

Bar admissions and qualifications

Texas

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

Defended global products manufacturer in putative class action against claims relating to allegedly defective consumer products.

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Awards and rankings

- Business Litigation, Rising Star, *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2010-2015

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - ESG Litigation Guide: An interactive guide providing detailed analysis of international ESG litigation cases *Engage Premium*
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells guides JX Nippon Oil & Gas in taking sole ownership of the world's largest carbon capture facility
- Published Works
 - New Texas Law Protects Energy Companies *Texas Lawyer*
- Published Works
 - Securities: The Next Hot Topic in Environmental Law *Law360*
- Published Works
 - The United States is No Longer the Courthouse for the World *The Air and Space Lawyer, Vol. 22*