

Chris Verducci

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Chris handles complex construction and energy disputes, including trials and arbitrations.

OVERVIEW

Chris primarily represents clients in the construction and energy industries. He also has experience in real estate and environmental litigation and insurance and maritime law.

Chris handles jury trials, bench trials, and arbitrations. He is also frequently retained before formal dispute resolution, including in the drafting and negotiation of construction contracts and in the management of change orders and project conflicts.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Construction

- Defended a pipeline company in litigation against a pipe supplier relating to the shipment of late and defective pipe.
- Advised the owner of an oil and gas terminal and storage facility in Houston concerning various project disputes with its general contractor and engineers.
- Represented the owner of a pipeline in litigation against a general contractor involving delay, extension of time, and extra work claims.
- Defended the owner of a high-rise office building in downtown Houston in connection with delay claims.
- Advised an owner in the negotiation of an EPC contract concerning a chemical production facility in Louisiana.
- Counseled a general contractor in various lawsuits and arbitrations with its subcontractors involving multifamily housing developments in Texas.
- Advised the owner of a wood pellet manufacturing facility in Louisiana concerning project disputes with its general contractor and subcontractors.
- Represented a pipeline company in the negotiation of a contract for the construction of an interstate pipeline.
- Defended a pipeline owner in litigation over extra work claims asserted by an inspection company.
- Counseled various owners in the negotiation of contracts for the construction of commercial and multifamily housing developments across the U.S.

Energy

- Represented a working interest owner in litigation against an operator relating to a CO injection flood and well blowout in Louisiana.
- Defended an energy company in litigation with a product purchaser relating to a vessel chartered by the purchaser.
- Represented a midstream company in an arbitration over a noncompete agreement arising from the purchase of a marine transport business.
- Defended the owner of a gas gathering facility against claims for misappropriation of trade secrets.
- Counseled a working interest owner in litigation involving an “area of mutual interest” in Louisiana.
- Defended a midstream company in litigation filed by a counter-party relating to a gasoline and diesel transportation agreement.
- Advised various energy companies concerning insurance and indemnity issues associated with the operation of onshore and offshore oil and gas interests.

Other Experience

- Defended the owner of an NGL storage facility in litigation involving air emissions from the facility.
- Represented a platform owner in litigation with the owner of a vessel that allided with the platform.
- Counseled an energy company in litigation involving an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Represented various insurance carriers in litigation over coverage for the removal of wrecked platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation-Construction (2020-2026)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas Rising Star, Business Litigation (2015)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Construction
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- Energy
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ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Construction
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- Energy
- Energy Construction
- Environmental + Natural Resources
- Litigation + Trial
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PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, State Bar of Texas Construction Section
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Maritime Law Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 2005, associate editor, *Houston Law Review*
- Texas A&M University, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2002, finance

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas