

Audrey Hendricks

SENIOR COUNSEL

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Credentials

- University of Texas School of Law
J.D., *with honors*
International Law Journal, member
- University of Texas at Austin
B.A., English, *with high honors*
- Admitted to Practice:
Texas

Audrey has twenty years of experience litigating disputes in Texas and many other venues across the nation. Audrey's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and tort matters, most extensively in the oil and gas industry. Audrey began her career at Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP (now Norton Rose Fulbright), and joined Yetter Coleman after nine years managing litigation inhouse for all business segments at Exxon Mobil Corporation. Clients have described Audrey as tenacious and competitive. She strives to aggressively but efficiently resolve complicated legal issues.

Experience

- Secured \$100 million settlement mid-trial in California for a bankruptcy trustee suing for harm to an oil producer put out of business by a rupture, spill, and shutdown of the pipeline transporting its oil.
- Represented plaintiff oil and gas company in a trespass dispute that resulted in a \$70 million verdict in our client's favor after a three-week trial in Ohio.
- Representing production company in breach of contract case involving loss of leases in the Permian.
- Representing working interest owner for lost revenue from production in the Eagle Ford.
- Represented company in expropriation lawsuit in Louisiana involving property worth over \$500 million.
- Favorably settled mass tort action against refinery by thousands of plaintiffs.
- Managed Civil Investigative Demand from Department of Justice regarding alleged bad faith royalty payments.
- Favorably settled substantial, complicated, take-or-pay dispute with a major pipeline company.
- Settled royalty class action for a fraction of the named plaintiffs' claims.

- Obtained settlement of more than double direct damages for refinery against electric utility following power outages.
- Prevailed in bench trial on claim that a lease had terminated for failure to produce in paying quantities.
- Obtained summary judgment of no liability in challenging venue in significant personal injury lawsuit.
- Struck multimillion damage model in claim for failure to pay royalty on the market value of carbon dioxide, favorably resolving remaining claim post-trial.
- Multiple disputes with royalty owners and working interest owners involving leases, joint operating agreements, and title issues.

Professional Honors & Affiliations

- Pro bono attorney for the Tahirih Justice Center and Human Rights First.
- Obtained asylum for women from Pakistan, Burkino Faso, and Honduras.
- Obtained legal status under Violence Against Women Act for woman from Nigeria.
- Obtained special immigrant juvenile status for boy from El Salvador.

Presentations & Publications

- “Antitrust in the Oil Patch,” 2025 TJOEEL Symposium, January 2025 (co-presenter)
- “Intersection of Indemnity and Insurance: How to Redeem Contractual Risk Management,” Page Keeton Litigation Conference, October 2011 (co-presenter)
- “Forum Selection Clauses: Another Facet of the Freedom of Contract Phenomenon,” *The Advocate*, March 2007
- “The Energy Policy Act: Analysis of the Jurisdictional Basis for Federal Siting of LNG Facilities,” *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law*, September 2006