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Will Petit is an attorney at Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs, PC in Houston, Texas. He is licensed to practice in all Texas state courts and the United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of Texas. His experience includes general civil and complex environmental, business and commercial litigation, at the trial and appellate levels, in state and federal courts and in all forms of alternative dispute resolution.

PRACTICE AREAS/EXPERIENCE

Mr. Petit has experience in representing plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of business and commercial litigation matters, including suits involving real estate transactions, commercial contracts, eminent domain, oil and gas matters, injunctive relief, trade secret misappropriation, non-compete agreements, alter ego, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and negligent misrepresentation, and tortious interference. Currently, he is part of a team serving as Special Counsel to the State of New Jersey in pursuing natural resource assessment costs and damages, remediation costs, and other damages associated with the Passaic River and Newark Bay.

Other representative experiences include:

- Represented real estate brokerage firm and its listing agent against property owner who sued under DTPA, fraud and negligent misrepresentation theories, resulting in dismissal of lawsuit on summary judgement.
- Represented oil and gas exploration and production company against former contractor who sued under quantum merit, promissory estoppel, fraud, and trade secret misappropriation theories, resulting in dismissal of lawsuit on summary judgment.
- Represented commercial landlord against tenant who sued for breach of lease and injunctive relief, resulting in a favorable settlement after denial of temporary injunction.
- Represented commercial property owner asserting claims for trespass and injunctive relief against neighboring high-rise, resulting in equitable relief and a favorable settlement.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before joining Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs, PC in July 2009, Mr. Petit was an associate at Thompson & Knight LLP in Houston.

In May 2005, Mr. Petit graduated summa cum laude from Texas Tech University School of Law. There, he served as Editor in Chief of the Texas Tech Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif, Board of Barristers, and Phi Delta Phi Honorary Legal Fraternity. Mr. Petit attended Texas Tech Law School's Summer Law Institute at Universidad de Guanajuato in Mexico.

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Mr. Petit received his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2001. He participated in two exchange programs, studying Spanish and Political Science at Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Universidad de Sevilla in Spain. Also, while at the University of Colorado, Mr. Petit served as President of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Between his undergraduate studies and law school, Mr. Petit was first mate on a 39' sportfishing charter boat in Quepos, Costa Rica.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Houston Bar Association, Member, Litigation Section
- Houston Young Lawyers Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member, Environment, Energy and Resources Section
- State Bar of Texas, Member, Litigation Section

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Petit has also recently published or presented the following:

- Jackson & Petit, Separation of Powers: A Call to Deference, Law Seminars International Conference on Natural Resource Damages (Nov. 2009).
- The Fourth Court of Appeals' Application of House Bill 4's Rules Regarding Postjudgment Discovery and Security (Fall 2006).
- The Free Trade Area of the Americas: Is It Setting the State for Significant Change in U.S. Agricultural Subsidy Use?, 37 TEX. TECH L. REV. 127 (Winter 2004).

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