



MICHEAL W. DOBBS



JACKSON GILMOUR & DOBBS, PC

Micheal Dobbs has over ten years experience in commercial, environmental and tort litigation matters, with an emphasis on environmental litigation. He has been at the forefront of some of the largest contaminated waterway sites in the country. Mr. Dobbs also represents clients in a wide range of other environmental matters, including property damage and remediation claims. He has spent significant time handling environmental regulatory and transactional matters, including negotiating and facilitating the purchase, sale, lease and cleanup of environmentally impacted properties. His clients include port authorities, transportation sector clients, and other public and private entities.

### PRACTICE AREAS/EXPERIENCE

Michael Dobbs has handled a variety of environmental and litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout the country. His practice includes general commercial, environmental and tort litigation with an emphasis on environmental and natural resource damages litigation.

**Environmental Litigation:** Mr. Dobbs represents clients in a wide range of environmental matters, including disputes under CERCLA, RCRA, Oil Pollution Act, Clean Water Act, state environmental statutes and the common law. He has significant experience with property damage, remediation, cost recovery and natural resource damages matters. His representational matters include:

- Representing the State of New Jersey as Special Counsel in pursuing natural resource damages, remediation, costs and other damages associated with the Passaic River and other sites.
- Representing the Port of Houston Authority in litigation against a neighboring pesticide plant for releases of hazardous substances into adjacent property and navigable waters. The Port obtained a settlement valued at \$100 million, which the National Law Journal named as one of the ten most significant settlements in Texas for 2003.
- Representing the largest private port in Texas in litigation and arbitration of significant environmental contamination matters.
- Representing several national corporations in environmental cost recovery matters and remediation of contaminated properties.

**Commercial Litigation:** Mr. Dobbs has extensive experience in representing clients in a variety of commercial litigation matters, including matters involving breach of fiduciary

duty, fraud, negligent misrepresentation and contract interpretation. His representational matters include:

- Arbitration of claims regarding the construction of and payments for an oil and gas processing unit for an offshore rig.
- Arbitration of corporate successor liability of an oil refining company.
- Representing boards of directors, attorneys and other fiduciaries in breach of fiduciary duty litigation.

**Environmental Regulatory and Transactional Matters:** Mr. Dobbs also spends significant time handling real estate and environmental regulatory matters, including negotiating and facilitating the purchase, sale, lease and cleanup of environmentally impacted properties from a real estate and environmental perspective. In connection with these real estate transactional matters, Mr. Dobbs has particular experience in property transfer issues, easement and leasehold negotiations, indemnity protections and the negotiation and administration of property cleanup and remediation agreements. Mr. Dobbs also handles environmental regulatory matters before state and federal agencies. His representational matters include:

- Representing public and private clients with the purchase, sale and lease of contaminated or impacted properties.
- Representing the largest private port in Texas with all transaction and regulatory matters.

