

PROFILE

**Practices**

- Energy
- Litigation

Admitted

Texas

Education

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1982
- B.A., with honors, Duke University, 1978

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

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Experience

Carrin Patman maintains an active trial docket, representing diverse business and energy industry clients in litigation, including class actions, involving commercial disputes, securities matters, antitrust and competition issues, environmental violations and regulatory compliance.

Ms. Patman's recent litigation experience includes: defending former directors of a publicly traded oil and gas exploration company against allegations of breach of fiduciary duty; defending a publicly traded energy company against claims of breach of contract and fraud in connection with its drilling program; defending a major energy company in a series of fraud and breach of contract lawsuits involving the sale of natural gas; defending a settlement trust in a lawsuit for breach of a services contract and fraud; representing a major energy company seeking recovery of amounts wrongfully offset from its revenues as owner of a fractionation plant; defending a major manufacturing company against a lawsuit seeking indemnity for asbestos exposure claims; and defending a major energy company against certification of a class with respect to claims against it for violation of state statutes in connection with purchase of natural gas.

Representative Matters

Representation of Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Liquids L.P., a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, in a suit to recover disputed amounts a fractionation plant operator offset from Kinder Morgan's revenues as owner of the plant.

Representation of Cooper Industries Inc. in a declaratory judgment and breach of contract action, in which both parties sought the interpretation of a Stock Purchase Agreement and indemnity for third-party claims asserting exposure to asbestos.

Representation of Intratex Gas Company and Houston Pipe Line Company, pipeline companies affiliated with Enron Corp., in five lawsuits claiming breach of contract and fraud in connection with those companies' special marketing programs and sales of natural gas by and to affiliated companies.

Publications and Speeches

Course director, The Ultimate Trial Notebook (CLE course on all aspects of trial), State Bar of Texas Convention, June 24, 2004.

Panel moderator and speaker, "Pretrial Motions: Daubert/Robinson," part of The Ultimate Trial Notebook seminar, State Bar of Texas Convention, June 24, 2004.

"Privileges: Asserting, Contesting and Preserving Discovery Under the New Rules," University of Houston Seminar, March 19, 1999 (Dallas), April 2, 1999 (Houston), City of Houston Legal Department, April 28, 1999.

Affiliations

- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Houston Bar Foundation, Fellow and former Vice Chairman
- Antitrust and Business Litigation Council of the State Bar of Texas, former Member

Noteworthy

- Texas Super Lawyers, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008
- Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition, 2008 and 2009
- The University of Texas Law School Alumni Association, Immediate Past President and current Director
- Texas Law Review Association, Director and President-Elect
- Girls Incorporated of Greater Houston, Advisory Board Member
- Society for the Performing Arts, Board Member
- Sheltering Arms Senior Services, Executive Committee Member