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Sean Cichowski focuses his practice on resolving energy, employment, intellectual property, construction, and commercial disputes in litigation and arbitration. Sean uses his first chair and solo trial counsel experience to give his clients a complete perspective of the risks, benefits, and costs of litigation to allow them to make informed business decisions on legal matters. Sean also helps his clients in drafting contracts, corporate policies, and other matters to help in dispute avoidance.

Notable Work

Trade Secrets: Represented as third chair trial counsel a defendant in a bench trial regarding the alleged theft of trade secrets between two multinational industrial equipment companies. Obtained verdict for client including award of attorney's fees.

Wage and Hour: Represented an automobile repair company with multiple locations in the Greater Houston area in the defense of a wage and hour collective action brought by multiple former employees alleging underpayment of wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

Oil and Gas: Assisted in the representation of a midstream oil and gas client in a lawsuit against a design engineering firm over disputes related to a large construction project. Obtained favorable settlement for client.

Personal Injury: Served as first chair trial counsel in a personal injury trial involving the employee of a non-subscriber who was struck by a falling granite slab. Obtained favorable jury verdict and judgment for client.

Personal Injury: Served as second chair trial counsel in a Jones Act trial involving the fatal illness of a seaman while traveling overseas. Obtained favorable jury verdict and judgment for client.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
 Commercial Disputes
 Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
 Employment Litigation
 Energy and Infrastructure
 Intellectual Property Litigation
 Oil & Gas: Downstream and Petrochemical
 Oil & Gas: Environmental
 Oil & Gas: Midstream
 Oil & Gas: Upstream

Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2009
 B.A., University of Texas at Austin, History, 2006

Admissions

Bars

Texas

Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
 U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

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Products Liability / Personal Injury: Served as second chair trial counsel in a products liability personal injury trial involving heavy equipment used to break down industrial turbines. Obtained favorable jury verdict and judgment for client.

Affiliations

- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Mutton Bustin' Committee, 2010-Present; Captain, 2024-2026
- Jimmy Pappas Take Aim at Cancer Memorial Clay Shoot, Chairman, 2024 and 2025; Vice Chair 2023
- University of Houston Law Center 100% Challenge, Co-Chair
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Houston Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Houston Bar Association, Lawyers for Literacy Committee Volunteer, Member of Litigation Section, ADR Section, and Construction Law Section

Published Work and Lectures

- Thomson Reuters *Practical Law*, Co-Author, "Petition to Appoint an Arbitrator in Texas State Court," September 2019
- Thomson Reuters *Practical Law*, Co-Author, "Compelling and Staying Arbitration in Texas," 2017

Honors and Distinctions

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2021-2024, Listed in Texas as a "Rising Star" for Business Litigation; 2018-2020, Listed in Texas as a "Rising Star" for Civil Litigation: Defense