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Benjamin Escobar is a first chair trial lawyer with a background in chemical engineering. He brings a combination of technical know-how and deep sector experience to the complicated landscape of energy litigation. Ben's work encompasses upstream, midstream, downstream processes, with an emphasis on onshore and offshore oil and gas operations. He advises clients operating in all three major sectors, including owners and operators, manufacturers, and contractors.

Ben represents clients before OSHA and BSEE and in trade secrets, indemnity claims, and casualty and business interruption losses and other litigation before state and federal courts, as well as arbitral tribunals.

He also handles operation and production agreements, engineering procurement and energy-related construction contracts, asset purchase and sale agreements, transportation and processing contracts, and construction-related errors and omissions projects.

Notable Work

Upstream: Represented ATG Oil & Gas Corp. in trial alleging breach of an investment banking contract for several hundred million dollars in financing to develop oil and gas properties.

Midstream: Represented an international engineering and procurement contractor in an ICC arbitration of a dispute involving on the engineering, procurement, and construction of SCADA control system for several crude oil and product pipelines.

Downstream: Represented the Wood Group PSN in the trial of several wrongful death and personal injury claims arising from an explosion on an offshore oil and gas platform.

Chemical Process: Represented Chem32 LLC in defending allegations of misappropriation of catalyst processing trade secrets. Defense verdict obtained after a six-week trial.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
 Commercial Disputes
 Employment Litigation
 Energy and Infrastructure
 International Litigation and Arbitration
 Trade Secrets, Restrictive Covenants, and Unfair Competition
 Wage and Hour
 Oil & Gas: Downstream and Petrochemical
 Oil & Gas: Environmental
 Oil & Gas: Midstream
 Oil & Gas: Upstream
 Probate and Fiduciary Litigation

Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1993, Law Review: *Houston Law Review*, Associate Editor, 1992-1993
 B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chemical Engineering, 1984

Admissions

Bars

Texas
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
 U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
 U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Languages

Spanish

Published Work and Lectures

- *Marine Technology Society Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 3, “Legal Implications of Advances in Sensor Technology,” May/June 2015
- *Texas Lawyer*, “Cost Reductions: Don’t Compromise Safety,” April 2015
- Litigation Summit and Expo, Speaker, “Areas of Special Interest: Energy & the Environment,” November 2011
- *Energy Law Journal*, Volume 28, No. 2, Co-author: “Wind Power: Generating Electricity and Lawsuits,” 2007
- *Executive Counsel*, Co-author, “More Regulation of Carbon Emissions in the Cards,” May/June 2007
- *National Law Journal*, Co-author, “Massachusetts v. EPA and Global Warming: Path to a Coherent Policy,” June 18, 2007

Honors and Distinctions

- *Super Lawyers Magazine* 2017-2019, Listed in Texas for Energy & Natural Resources

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