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A veteran litigator, Brit Brown focuses his practice on representing energy and automotive clients in trials, arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and pre-trial issues. The scope of his work encompasses commercial and tort-related litigation, including supplier, dealer, personal injury, product liability, and distribution disputes. In addition, he provides marketing assistance and other pre-dispute counsel to his clients.

Notable Work

Offshore Gathering System Client: Represented an offshore gathering system in securing an arbitration claim arising from damages resulting from the defendant's wrongful release of dedicated gas-producing properties.

Automotive: Represented a motor vehicle manufacturer in dealer termination, relocation, and add point disputes, resulting in the manufacturer's being permitted to implement its marketing plans.

Chemical Plant Explosion: Represented a chemical plant maintenance contractor regarding claims arising from explosion of a chemical plant process vessel that caused multiple fatalities, serious burn-related personal injuries, and property damage.

Breach of Contract: Represented a major oil company defending against a claim asserted for alleged breaches of an offshore oil and gas operating agreement.

Insurance: Represented a major insurer, assisting a chemical plant operator in investigating the cause of a plant fire and collecting physical evidence in relation to a CSB and OSHA investigation.

Supplier Dispute: Represented a major gas company defending against a gas supplier seeking rights of incremental price increases.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
 Antitrust and Trade Regulation
 Class Action Defense
 Energy and Infrastructure
 Franchise and Licensing
 Insurance Litigation
 International Litigation and Arbitration
 Product Liability and Mass Torts
 Oil & Gas: Downstream and Petrochemical
 Oil & Gas: Environmental
 Oil & Gas: Midstream
 Oil & Gas: Upstream
 Financial Services
 Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
 Power Generation, Petrochemical, and Process
 Construction

Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1989, *Phi Delta Phi*, *Houston Law Review*, Executive Editor, 1988
 M.B.A., University of Houston, 1986
 B.B.A., University of Houston, 1985

Admissions

Bars

Texas

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

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Royalty Dispute: Represented a major oil company with a significant working interest in a unitized field in arbitration of a dispute against royalty owners contesting plant splits and other royalty adjustments.

Oil and Gas Arbitration: Represented an oil and gas company in defending an arbitration over a failed transaction involving the sale of offshore oil and gas producing properties.

Specialty Chemicals: Represented a major producer of specialty chemicals in defending a suit filed by alleged agents on behalf of a Mexican corporation involved in the importation of the specialty chemicals into the Mexican market.

Products Liability: Represented a medical device manufacturer in a products liability action alleging that serious and life-threatening burns were caused by alleged defects in an oxygen regulator.

Manufacturer-Transporter Dispute: Represented a manufacturer of medium and heavy duty trucks defending against a claim being asserted by a transporter purporting to have a distribution agreement.

Oilfield Services Client: Represented an oilfield service company in a personal injury action involving fatalities and significant burn injuries allegedly caused by negligent workover operations that allegedly caused a well blow out.

Oil and Gas Arbitration: Represented a major oil and gas service provider in an arbitration against a well owner who claimed loss of the well due to a down-hole failure.

Major Oil Client: Represented a major oil corporation defending against a suit brought by a construction worker who sustained severe injury and disfigurement.

Truck Manufacturer-Dealer Dispute: Represented a medium duty truck manufacturer in an administrative trial against a franchise dealer seeking the right to market additional and new models of the manufacturer's products.

Automotive Manufacturer-Dealer Dispute: Represented an automobile manufacturer in an administrative trial in which automotive dealers contested the manufacturer's allocation and pricing programs.

State Investigation: Represented an automotive manufacturer before a state commission investigating the manufacturer's warranty and service network.

Akerman Partners Named 2025 *Lawdragon* 500
Leading Energy Lawyers
March 10, 2025

Akerman Team Represents Prime Automotive
Group in \$880 Million Sale of Assets
November 23, 2021

Struggle for Control of Venezuelan Assets
May 14, 2019

Published Work and Lectures

- *ILN-ergy*, Author, "Peak Oil - Are We There Yet?" April 29, 2015
- *Texas Lawyer*, Co-author, "Oil and Gas Leases During Litigation," December 2014
- Litigation Summit and Expo, Speaker, "Areas of Special Interest: Energy and the Environment," November 2011
- Association of Corporate Counsel Houston Chapter Luncheon, Speaker, "Flashpoints in Master Service Agreements," January 2011
- International Lawyers Network Meeting of the Americas, Speaker, "The Energy Industry," November 2010

Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Institute for Energy Law
- Serves as faculty member for the Beecher Carlson TopBoards™ program, ISS-accredited training for corporate board members

Honors and Distinctions

- *Lawdragon*, 2025, Listed as a “Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyer”
- *ALM/LexisNexis Martindale Hubbell*, 2012, Recognized as one of Texas’ “Top Rated Lawyers”
- *Texas Monthly* Magazine, 2006-2008, Recognized as a “Texas Super Lawyer”