

## Todd S. Frank



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### Education

J.D. from South Texas College of Law Houston  
B.A. from Trinity University

### Bar Admissions

Texas  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District  
of Texas  
United States District Courts for the Eastern and  
Southern Districts of Texas

### Related Practices

Litigation  
Admiralty & Maritime Litigation  
Appellate  
Arbitration  
Energy Litigation  
Environmental Litigation  
Personal Injury & Wrongful Death  
Products Liability  
Tax Controversy  
Warranty

### Related Industries

## Overview

Todd is a seasoned trial lawyer who primarily focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and arbitration, both domestic and international, with an emphasis on upstream oil and gas and business disputes.

Todd also has extensive experience in catastrophic accident and failure analysis cases (e.g. refinery explosions, fracture stimulation vehicle fires, downhole well failures, personal injury, vessel casualties/pollution) and all appellate matters related to such cases. He also has significant experience in matters that arise from disputes related to commercial real property tax valuations, freeport exemptions and other complex tax litigation.

Todd has tried and arbitrated various disputes in both state and federal courts around Texas, ranging from title disputes within adversarial bankruptcy proceedings, personal injury and wrongful death matters, to tortious inference and intellectual property claims.

Admiralty & Maritime  
Energy  
Manufacturing  
Transportation

## Achievements

*Thomson Reuters* – Texas Rising Stars (2008, 2010)

## Memberships

Houston Bar Association

## Experience

### Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented an oilfield tool supplier in an international arbitration and secured a \$1.2 MM judgment for damages and attorneys' fees with a finding to recover the client's \$1 MM proprietary downhole tools held hostage in Ecuador.

### Commercial Litigation + Contracts

Represented an insurance business in a trespass to try title dispute regarding the title to various commercial properties within an adversarial bankruptcy proceeding.

### Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented a midstream pipeline company in a right-of-way dispute and catastrophic property damage claim.

### Commercial Litigation + Contracts

Represented an engine manufacturer regarding catastrophic fire damage caused to multiple fracture stimulation vehicles.

### Commercial Litigation + Contracts

Represented a former CEO and President of a large industrial training company regarding allegations of tortious interference, fraud and embezzlement.

## Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented an independent oil company regarding claims of fraud from working interest and royalty owners.

## Commercial Litigation + Contracts

Represented a business owner in arbitration alleging trade secret and intellectual property claims against a competitor for large military contracts.

## Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented an oil and gas company against royalty owner drainage claims.

## Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented a natural gas pipeline purchaser in a dispute over a purchase and sale agreement.

## Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented mineral owners under Padre Island National Seashore against the National Park Service.

## Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented an oil and gas investor in a case alleging fraudulent conveyance.

## Oil & Gas Litigation

Represented an independent exploration and production company regarding a dispute over an assignment of an overriding royalty in an oil and gas lease.

## Commercial Litigation + Contracts

Represented an engine manufacturer regarding warranty, fraud and consumer statute litigation.

## Commercial Litigation + Contracts

Represented financial services providers regarding fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary claims.

## Maritime/Admiralty

Represented drilling rig companies regarding personal injury and Jones Act claims.

## Maritime/Admiralty

Represented an offshore seismic company regarding the arrest and seizure of a salvaged vessel for a dock damage and insurance claim.

## Maritime/Admiralty

Represented an ocean tow company in the vessel arrest and seizure of an FPSO unit as a result of allision with an offshore oil and gas platform including the investigation by the United States Coast Guard.

## Maritime/Admiralty

Represented a chemical manufacturer regarding sulfuric acid barge sinking, including the regulatory investigation by the EPA, United States Coast Guard and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

## Newsroom

**Blog:** Munsch Hardt Tax Resources

**In The News:** Munsch Hardt Obtained \$1.1MM in Damages and Fees for Client Drilltech

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Secures Significant Energy Litigation Win for West Texas Landowners

**Press Release:** Win Secured for West Texas Landowners in Energy Litigation Case

**In The News:** Munsch Hardt Adds Former Shell Tax Advisor, 2 Energy Attys

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt's Growing Houston Office Adds Two Energy Litigation Shareholders, One Tax Shareholder