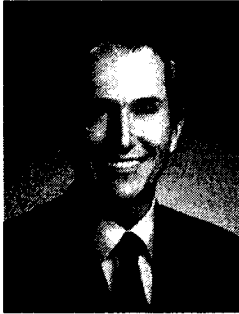


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## Professional Experience and Legal Education

University of Houston Law Center, Distinguished Lecturer and Director of A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, 2006.



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Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., 1969–2005. Partner and Co-chair, International Dispute Resolution Practice. Litigation and arbitration, as arbitrator and counsel. Oil and gas operating agreements, substantial gas contract enforcement actions, bad faith/wrongful pooling or unitization, natural gas measurement and allocation, liquefied natural gas (LNG), joint interest billing and COPAS issues, failure to develop, drainage, oil and gas royalty, areas of mutual interest, gas balancing, construction contracts, product liability, trade secrets, dealer termination, and commercial real estate disputes.

Law Clerk, Hon. Homer Thornberry, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1968-1969.

University of Texas School of Law, LL.B. with High Honors, 1968.

## Professional Listings/Honors

- Chambers GLOBAL, THE WORLD'S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS (Energy & National Resources: Dispute Resolution) " . . . the lawyer to go to for advice on complex upstream cases."
- Chambers USA, AMERICA'S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS (Leading Individuals – International Arbitration)
- The Best Lawyers in America
- Texas Super Lawyer

## Representative Arbitration Engagements

### Energy

- Operator's rig rate charges to joint account on offshore properties  
Exploration and development agreements in Peru and Venezuela
- Gas storage and management agreements
- Operator's charges for salt water disposal, office overhead and tubulars

### Non-Energy

- Trade secrets — blast furnace technology
- License agreement involving credit reporting industry
- Construction contract involving butyl lithium plant
- Long-term commercial real estate leases, including constructive eviction

### **Recent Arbitration Speeches**

- “The Art of Arbitrating,” 16th Annual Workshop, The Institute for Transnational Arbitration, June 16, 2005, Dallas, Texas (Faculty/Commentator)
- “ICC Rules for a Pre-Arbitral Referee Procedure”, ICC International Court of Arbitration Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 6, 2005
- “Fortress USA—Two Troublesome Defenses Against Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in the United States,” ABA Section of International Law Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 14, 2005

### **Arbitration Publications**

- Author of the Report and Recommendation to the ABA House of Delegates in Support of the 2004 Revision to the AAA/ABA Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes
- “A New Era of Arbitrator Ethics for the United States: The 2004 Revision to the AAA/ABA Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes,” *ARBITRATION INTERNATIONAL*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2005
- “Techniques to Promote Efficient and Informed Decision-Making in International Arbitration: Confrontation of Witnesses and Prehearing Meetings of Experts ” *News and Notes of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration*, Vol. 15, No. 4, Autumn 2001

### **Arbitral Institutions – Panels and Advisory Committees**

- American Arbitration Association, Roster of Neutrals — Commercial and Energy Panels; AAA/ICDR International Panel
- CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution — Energy, Oil and Gas and International Panels.
- CPR Institute Energy Committee and International Committee on Arbitration
- AAA/ICDR International Arbitration Committee (Chair of Subcommittee/Task Force on Pre-arbitral Emergency Arbitrator Procedure)
- ICC Task Force on Reducing Costs and Time in Complex Arbitration

### **Professional Activities**

- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Co-Chair, International Commercial Dispute Resolution Committee, ABA Section of International Law
- Editor-in-Chief, *THE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION NEWS* (2001-2005)
- Board Certified in Civil Trial Law

### **Prior Academic Appointments**

- Adjunct Professor of Law, The University of Houston Law Center, 2001-2005
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution – Winter Intensive Programs 2004 and 2005 (International Commercial Arbitration)