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Philip Vickers is Vice-Chair of the firm's Litigation Section. He represents clients in commercial disputes primarily in the areas of intellectual property, oil & gas, shareholder litigation, and other complex business litigation. Philip also actively promotes pro bono programs both within the firm and in the Fort Worth legal community. Before joining Cantey Hanger, Philip served as law clerk to the Honorable Michael H. Schneider, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

PRINCIPAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Energy

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2005)
Texas Review of Law & Politics (Editor-in-Chief)
- Hillsdale College (B.S., 2002)

EXPERIENCE

Recent Representative Engagements:

- Representation of ExxonMobil in actions against attorneys general of New York, Massachusetts, and the US Virgin Islands challenging alleged violations of First Amendment rights concerning speech over climate change.
- Representation of Sabre in breach of contract action relating to Lufthansa's imposition of a surcharge on customers who book tickets through Sabre. Case pending.
- Co-counsel on behalf of Berkshire Hathaway in defense of putative class action brought under ERISA.
- Assist with independent investigations and analyses of abuse prevention policies and procedures on behalf of civic and religious institutions.
- Defended Electronic Arts Inc. against breach of contract and fraud claims where plaintiff asserted \$15 million in damages. Obtained summary judgment on all claims before trial.
- Representation of auto parts manufacturer in claims for trademark infringement and unfair competition. Obtained verdict after trial affirming validity of registered trademarks and finding willful unfair competition.
- Representation of owner of mineral rights in West Texas in claims against life-tenant to recover for waste and to determine title.
- Representation of owners of mineral and water rights in title disputes as well as water and surface use agreements.
- Representation of working interest owners in claims against Chesapeake and Total E&P to recover for breaches of rights under joint operating and exploration and development agreements.
- Represented the City of Fort Worth and the Fort Worth Independent School District in suits filed in state court against Chesapeake Exploration and Total E&P for underpayment of royalties in connection with hundreds of oil and gas leases. Both cases were settled favorably returning millions of dollars to taxpayers in past and future underpayments.
- Represented estate in dispute with IRS over tax owed on annuity. Case resolved favorably before trial.
- Local counsel for Sabre in breach of contract and anti-trust actions brought against it by American Airlines claiming over \$1 billion in damages. Cases settled favorably during jury trial in state court.
- Represented Wells Fargo Bank in litigation it filed in state court seeking declarations that certain investor owned life insurance policies having death benefits in excess of \$40 million were valid and enforceable. Obtained favorable summary judgments and recovered \$3 million in attorneys' fees in a jury trial.
- Represented natural gas producer and midstream companies in a disputes over construction of a natural gas processing facilities in Tarrant and Parker counties.

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- Representation of online retailer in claims for trademark infringement and unfair competition. Case settled favorably before trial, resulting in withdrawal of oppositions pending before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.
- Representation of software manufacturer in breach of contract suit against Dell Computer and in defense of claims for indemnity related to patent infringement. Case settled favorably after obtaining a ruling in our client's favor on Dell's motion to dismiss.
- Represented church in First Amendment/Religious Freedom Restoration Act case seeking to require public school to allow church to hold bible club after school on campus.
- Represented landlord of industrial property in claim against tenant for environmental contamination. Case was resolved favorably before trial.
- Represented Williamson-Dickie in a suit against insurer for coverage for losses attributable to environmental contamination. Case settled favorably before trial.
- Representation of small business owners in disputes with partners and former managers over breaches of fiduciary and contractual duties.
- Representation as local counsel for technology companies in patent disputes in the Eastern and Northern Districts of Texas.

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Texas, 2005
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Professional Affiliations

- Tarrant County Bar Foundation, Director 2016-
- Federalist Society
- Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Association of Former Law Clerks of The Eastern District of Texas
- Tarrant County Volunteer Attorney Services (TVAS) Committee, Co-Chair, 2014-2015
- Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, Barrister
- Intellectual Property Law Section of the Tarrant County Bar Association, Chair, 2013-2014
- Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, Director, 2010-2012

Community Involvement

- Board Member, Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, 2013-
- Member, Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners
- Trustee, Austin Graduate School of Theology
- Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County Grants Review Panel, 2013-2015
- Volunteer Attorney, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

Honors

- Martindale Hubbell "AV" Preeminent Rating
- Recognized as a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters rating service, 2013-2017
- Selected as a "Top Attorney" in Civil Litigation by *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine, 2011-2016
- *Fort Worth Business Press* "40 Under 40" Honoree, 2016
- Leading Edge – Leadership Fort Worth Class of 2013

NEWS & EVENTS

- 13 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Listed at "Top Attorneys" in the 360West July, 2018 Publication
- ExxonMobil Defeats Personal Jurisdiction Challenges
- Four Cantey Hanger Attorneys Selected Rising Stars
- 3 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Selected Rising Stars
- 3 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Selected Rising Stars
- 6 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Selected Rising Stars
- Cantey Hanger is pleased to have 9 lawyers named "Rising Stars" in Super Lawyers Magazine, a Thomson Reuters service