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S.G. Johndroe III concentrates his practice in litigation affecting real estate interests, including condemnation, real property valuations, transactional conflicts, and boundary disputes. He has tried many cases involving real estate issues and has been called upon to provide expert testimony with regard to land titles as well as to act as a mediator in the resolution of real property disputes. In addition to his trial work, Mr. Johndroe has handled many cases at the appellate level, presenting oral arguments to appellate courts in over thirty cases. In addition to appearing before Texas Courts of Appeals, he has argued before the Supreme Court of Texas, the Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals, and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

PRINCIPAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Eminent Domain/Property Rights
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- B.A., Yale University – 1967
- J.D., University of Texas School of Law – 1970

EXPERIENCE

- *Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC v. El Halcon Investment LLC*, No. 11-14-00164-CV, 2016 WL 4710445 (Tex. App.-Eastland July 29, 2016)
- *State v. Stockton Bend 100 Joint Venture*, No. 02-14-00307-CV, 2016 WL 3198960 (Tex. App.- Fort Worth June 9, 2016)
- *Rischon Development Corp. v. City of Keller*, 242 S.W.3d 161 (Tex. App.-Fort Worth 2007, pet. denied), cert. denied, 129 S.Ct. 501, 172 L.Ed.2d 359, 2008 LEXIS 8056, 77 U.S.L.W. 3265 (U.S. 2008)
- *Denton County v. Tarrant County*, 139 S.W.3d 22 (Tex. App.- Fort Worth 2004, pet. denied)
- *Tarrant County v. Denton County*, 87 S.W.3d 159 (Tex. App.- Fort Worth 2002, pet. denied)

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 MERITAS® LAW FIRMS WORLDWIDE

- In re Tarrant County, 16 S.W.3d 914 (Tex. App.-Fort Worth 2000, pet. denied)
- Brown v. State, 984 S.W.2d 348 (Tex. App.-Fort Worth 1999, pet. denied)
- MCI Telecomms. Corp. v. Texas Utils. Elec. Co., 995 S.W.2d 647 (Tex. 1999)
- Gorrell v. Texas Utils. Elec. Co., 954 S.W.2d 767 (Tex. 1997)
- Smith v. Armstrong, 383 F. Supp. 365 (N.D.Tex. 1974)
- Estate of Wilson v. Wilson, 587 S.W.2d 674 (Tex. 1979)
- Texas Electric Service Co. v. Wheeler, 551 S.W.2d 341 (Tex. 1977)
- Texas Electric Service Co. v. Dyer, 680 S.W.2d 883 (Tex. App.—El Paso 1984, n.r.e.)
- Texas Electric Service Co. v. Swaim, 590 S.W.2d 788 (Tex. App.—El Paso 1979, n.r.e.)
- Texas Electric Service Co. v. Nix, 575 S.W.2d 304 (Tex. App.—El Paso 1978, n.r.e.)
- Texas Electric Service Co. v. Ragle, 559 S.W.2d 454 (Tex. App.—El Paso 1977, n.r.e.)
- Texas Electric Service Co. v. Nelon, 546 S.W.2d 864 (Tex. App.—El Paso 1977, n.r.e.)
- Texas Electric Service Co. v. West, 560 S.W.2d 769 (Tex. App.—El Paso 1977, n.r.e.)
- Represented landowners and obtained 1 million + jury verdict in Parker County case involving condemnation for electric transmission lines.
- Obtained 1.5 million settlement in Parker County involving condemnation case for a gas pipeline.
- Obtained 1.2 million jury verdict in Hood County involving condemnation case for a highway taking.
- Obtained an over 1.1 million dollar jury verdict for landowner in an eminent domain jury trial against the State of Texas in Hood County.
- Obtained \$4.9 million settlement for landowners in condemnation case involving city airport
- Obtained \$3.6 million settlement for property owners in condemnation case involving shopping center

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Board Certified Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1980
- Licensed to practice law in Texas in 1970
- Admitted to U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit – 1975
- Admitted to U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas – 1970
- Admitted to U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas – 1975
- Admitted to U.S. District Court Western District of Texas – 1980
- Admitted to United States Supreme Court – 2008
- Admitted to Guantanamo Bay Naval Bar Association – 1973
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Member
- Tarrant County Bar Association, Life Member

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Recognized as a “Texas Super Lawyer” in Eminent Domain by Texas Monthly Magazine in the special September/October issue, 2018, 2019.
- Named “Top Attorney in Texas”, Texas Monthly Magazine, 2012
- Named “Super Lawyer in Eminent Domain” by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters rating service, 2011 – 2016
- Selected as a “Top Attorney” by Fort Worth Magazine, 2012
- Martindale Hubbell “AV” Rating – For over 35 years, 1980 – 2016

- Fort Worth Business Press – one of twelve “Power Attorneys in Tarrant County”, 2008
- Served on Fort Worth Cancer Society and Fort Worth YMCA Metropolitan boards of directors
- Served in the United States Marine Corps, active duty, 1970-1973

NEWS

- 11 Cantey Hanger attorneys named Super Lawyers
- 15 Cantey Hanger attorneys named Super Lawyers
- 12 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Named Super Lawyers
- 14 Cantey Hanger attorneys named Super Lawyers
- 14 Cantey Hanger attorneys named Super Lawyers
- 14 From Cantey Hanger Named Super Lawyers®
- Fort Worth Court of Appeals Affirms Trial Court’s Judgment in Condemnation Case in Favor of Cantey Hanger Client
- Cantey Hanger Eminent Domain Litigation Partners Win \$1.1 Million Judgment for Developers
- 12 Cantey Hanger Attorneys named Super Lawyers by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters Rating Service

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- “2013 Texas Legislative Update” IRWA Seminar “Hot Topics in Real Estate and Eminent Domain”, April 26, 2013
- “Senate Bill 18”, International Right of Way Seminar, Arlington, Texas 2011.
- “Recent Developments in Texas Eminent Domain Law,” Lorman’s Eminent Domain for Attorneys, Dallas Texas, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
- “Texas Case Law Update”, 2008 Annual Program on Planning, Zoning and Eminent Domain by the Center for American and International Law, Plano Texas
- “Recent Development in Texas Eminent Domain Law,” 2007 Lorman Eminent Domain Seminar
- “Whittington and Public Purpose,” 2007 CLE International Eminent Domain Seminar
- “Condemnation of Gas Pipeline Easements,” Fort Worth Business Press Barnett Shale Symposium (2006)
- “Elements of Damage for a Property with Potential for Development: A Guide for Appraisers and Attorneys,” Chapter 13, Institute on Planning, Zoning and Eminent Domain (1993) Southwestern Legal Foundation