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Philip Vickers represents clients in complex commercial litigation and arbitration. His litigation experience includes energy, trademarks, fiduciary duties, insurance coverage, real estate, probate, and civil rights/First Amendment issues. He also assists clients with reviewing and negotiating proposed commercial contracts and often provides guidance in pre-litigation dispute resolution. Appointed by the Texas Supreme Court, Philip serves on the Professional Ethics Committee. Philip is also dedicated to pro bono work, actively participating in and promoting these programs both within the firm and throughout the Fort Worth legal community. Before joining Cantey Hanger, Philip was privileged to serve as a Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Michael H. Schneider, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

## PRINCIPAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate
- Intellectual Property
- Energy Litigation

## 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

Select Commercial Engagements:

- Represented trustee of investment trusts in litigation seeking declarations that certain investor-owned life insurance policies having death benefits over \$40 million were valid and enforceable. Obtained favorable summary judgments and recovered millions in attorneys' fees in a jury trial.
- Represented national chain of healthcare clinics in suit over health insurer's attempt to claw-back

millions authorized and paid for healthcare services. Obtained verdict for client after a bench trial.

- Defended global distribution system in billion-dollar breach of contract and anti-trust actions brought against it by American Airlines. Case settled favorably during jury trial.
- Defended video game manufacturer in breach of contract and fraud claims where plaintiff sought millions in damages. Obtained summary judgment dismissing all claims before trial.
- Representation of commercial real estate developer in dispute with former partner in connection with \$60+ million development. Matter resolved favorably after defeating opponent's Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.
- Representation of urban multi-modal mass transit operator in various contract negotiations and related disputes.
- Representation of trustees, beneficiaries, and executors in prosecution and defense of fiduciary claims.
- Representation of business owners in disputes with partners, shareholders, and managers over breaches of fiduciary and contractual duties.
- Representation of borrowers in disputes with lenders.

#### Select Intellectual Property Engagements:

- Representation of trademark owners in registration and prosecution of trademarks.
- Representation of trademark owners in actions to enforce trademark rights in state and federal courts and before the US Patent and Trademark Office.
- 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 packaged food manufacturer in dispute over alleged violations of Uniform Trade Secret Act and employee non-competition agreement. Case settled after defeating opponent's motion for temporary injunction.
- Representation of software company 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 client's favor on Dell's motion to dismiss.

#### Select Oil and Gas Engagements:

- Representation of payees in royalty disputes, including underpayment, nonparticipating royalty rights, post-production deductions, and suspension issues against lessees/operators.
- Representation of owners of mineral and water rights in title disputes and water and surface use 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 settled favorably returning millions of dollars to taxpayers in past and future underpayments.
- Represented 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. Case resolved after obtaining summary judgments for clients confirming questions of liability.

#### Other Representative Engagements:

- Advise and represent lawyers and law firms on matters concerning professional ethics and responsibility.
- Representation of ExxonMobil in actions against attorneys general of New York, Massachusetts, and the US Virgin Islands challenging alleged violations of First Amendment rights about speech over climate change.
- Represented church in First Amendment/Religious Freedom Restoration Act case seeking to require public school to let church hold on-campus after school Bible club. Case resolved favorably after hearing on request for temporary injunction.
- Participate in independent investigations and analyses of abuse prevention policies and procedures on behalf of civic and religious institutions.

## BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

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- 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

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### Professional

- Appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to the State Bar's Professional Ethics Committee, 2024
- Tarrant County Bar Foundation, Director and Sustaining Life Fellow
- Tarrant County Bar Foundation, Volunteer Attorney Services (Pro Bono) Committee, Member and past Co-Chair
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow
- Tarrant County Bar Association, Energy Law Section
- Tarrant County Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section, past Chair
- Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, former Barrister
- Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, past Director

### Civic

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Volunteer Attorney
- Appointed by Governor Perry to the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, 2013-2020
- Austin Graduate School of Theology, Trustee, 2017-2020
- Texas Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners, Member, 2015-2020
- Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County Grants Review Panel, 2013-2015

### Honors

- Martindale Hubbell "AV" Preeminent Rating
- "Super Lawyer" in Business Litigation, 2020-2024; "Rising Star" from 2013-2019, Texas Super

Lawyers by Thomson Reuters

- “Top Attorney”, Fort Worth, Texas magazine, 2011-2021, 2024
- Tarrant County Bar Foundation-TVAS Attorney Volunteer Award, 2023
- Leadership Fort Worth, Leadership Class 2022, Leading Edge 2013
- Fort Worth Business Press, “40 Under 40”, 2016

## NEWS

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- 10 Cantey Hanger attorneys named Super Lawyers
- 16 Cantey Hanger Attorneys Honored by Peers as Top Attorneys
- 12 Cantey Hanger Lawyers Named as Top Attorneys in Fort Worth Magazine
- Cantey Hanger Partner Featured by Super Lawyers for Promoting Pro Bono
- Four Cantey Hanger Attorneys Selected Rising Stars
- Cantey Hanger Attorneys Listed in Fort Worth Inc. Magazine
- Cantey Hanger Partner, Philip Vickers Sits On A Law Panel Sponsored By The Fort Worth Business Press
- 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

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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- Speaker, “Removal and Remand”, Tarrant County Bar Assoc. CLE on Federal Procedure, Feb. 26, 2021
- Speaker, “Recent Significant U.S. Supreme Court Opinions for Litigators”, Meritas Litigation Section Annual Meeting, Oct. 2018.
- Panelist, Fort Worth Business Press “Business for Breakfast: Law Panel”, July 18, 2018.
- Panelist, “Words, Phrases & Rhetorical Ploys That Will Make Some Judge’s Skin Crawl. Are You Playing Russian Roulette With Your Briefing?”, Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference, Oct. 4, 2017.
- Co-Author, For the Good of Your City: How Law Firm Pro Bono Can Impact Clients and the Community, 79 Tex. B.J. 364, May 2016.
- Speaker, “Texas E-Filing Basics”, Texas Forum, State Bar of Texas—Standing Committee on Paralegals, Feb. 28, 2014.
- Speaker, “Pro Bono Family Law Basics”, Tarrant County Volunteer Attorney Services volunteer CLE presentations, 2013-2018.