

RICK CAGNEY, MBA, JD, LL.M

Results-oriented attorney/mediator/arbitrator with experience in business, government, technology, oil and gas, real estate, non-profit and education. Skills include:

- Mediation/Arbitration
- Finance and budgeting
- Strategic planning
- Risk analysis
- Negotiations
- Oil & Gas
- International
- Reorganizations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE PRACTICE

- Arbitrated more than 450 medical provider-insurer disputes and property tax appeals for the Texas Department of Insurance and the Texas State Controller.
- Conduct mediations of court-referred civil disputes and business disputes, with 23% successful resolution rate.
- Negotiated successful resolution of \$350K Russian contract dispute.
- Prepared 150+ oil and gas title opinions as contract attorney for law firm.
- Drafted exploration agreements, operating agreements, oil and gas leases, lease assignments, and purchase and sale agreements.
- Prepared private placement documents for \$2M oil and gas limited partnership.
- Performed mineral title research in Harris, Chambers, Brazoria, Hardin, Nacogdoches, Rusk, San Jacinto, Shelby and Wood counties.
- Retained as expert witness on attorney ethics in \$20M lawsuit.
- Taught "Legal Environment of Business" and "Commercial Law" to undergraduate business students, receiving outstanding ratings from students.
- Taught "Law Office Administration," in which graduating University of Houston law students did business plans to assist them in establishing and maintaining successful law practices.

CORPORATE

- Negotiated joint venture telecommunications agreements in Latin America, Europe and Eastern Europe.
- Conducted due diligence and prepared documents for proposed \$80M Chilean telecommunications acquisition.
- Successfully supervised outside litigation by 70+ law firms of 60 cases involving \$30M

GOVERNMENT

- Successfully managed pre-trial phase of antitrust suit against \$2B private Texas corporation.
- Conducted federal grand jury investigation of fraudulent "daisy chain" oil pricing schemes.
- Directed activities of 3 audit teams investigating violations of the Federal energy regulations.
- Litigated federal energy regulatory issues arising under Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act
- Negotiated settlement of \$4.2M issue with Fortune 500 oil company that had been outstanding for four years.

EDUCATION

BA, American Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT – Dean's List and Top 25% of class

JD, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX – Top third of class

LLM, International Law & Trade, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. -- Concentration in Soviet and Chinese law and trade, international negotiations, and international business transactions

MBA, Finance and Marketing, Bauer School of Business, University of Houston, Houston, TX

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

CAGNEY LAW & MEDIATION, HOUSTON, TX, *Attorney/Mediator/Arbitrator*

STATE BAR OF TEXAS, HOUSTON REGIONAL OFFICE, *Regional Counsel*

RUSSIAN PETROLEUM LEGISLATION PROJECT, *University of Houston School of Law, Administrator*

GTE MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS, HOUSTON, TX, *Attorney – Litigation & International*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, *Attorney*

LEXIS-NEXIS, *6-State Regional Manager*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, *Trial Attorney (Criminal, Antitrust & Civil Divisions)*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Alternative Conflict Resolution – Houston (Past President)
Houston Gerontological Society (Immediate Past President)
Houston Bar Association (Energy Law and Probate Sections)
Texas Bar Foundation (Fellow)
Houston Bar Foundation (Fellow)
L'Alliance Francaise (Director/Corporate Treasurer)
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (Life Member)
University of Texas Alumni Association (Life Member)
Yale Club of Houston
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
Kentucky Derby Museum

MEDIATION/ARBITRATION CREDENTIALS

- Basic Mediation Training, South Texas College of Law, August 2014
- Arbitration, Manouso Mediation & ADR Training, January 2015
- Elder and Adult Family Mediation, Manouso Mediation & ADR Training, April 2015
- Parenting Coordinator & Advanced: Family-Divorce-Child Custody Mediation, Manouso Mediation & ADR Training, May 2015
- Facilitator, Manouso Mediation & ADR Training, July 2017