

Jennifer M. Smith

Senior Counsel

Houston

Biography

Jennifer Smith has significant experience when it comes to energy disputes. A recognized leader in her field, she has advocated for companies involved in complex commercial disputes for more than 30 years, frequently in far-flung corners of the world. She prides herself on being well-versed in the business and cultural realities of cross-border disputes, as well as on having a deep understanding of almost every facet of the energy industry.

Dual-qualified in England and Texas, Jennifer has extensive hands-on trial experience and advises corporations on disputes concerning a wide range of issues from those involving pipelines, gas processing plants, petrochemical sites, drilling rigs, reservoir management, joint operating agreements, LNG, production sharing agreements, and FPSOs, to issues of corporate governance and joint ventures. The governing laws of the arbitrations that she has handled are equally broad and include those of England, Trinidad & Tobago, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Ecuador, Poland, the Philippines, Texas, and principles of Sharia law.

Jennifer devotes time to professional and community service organizations and serves on the Executive Committee of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration, on the International Advisory Committee of the ICDR,



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Practices

Energy Disputes

International Arbitration

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

Education and admissions

on the Advisory Council of the Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, and Business, on the Executive Committee of the World Affairs Council of Houston, and as a Trustee of Wellesley College.

Representative experience

Represented Columbia Gas Transmission in a multimillion-dollar commercial dispute brought by Plains Gas Solutions.

Advised TC Energy on potential claims arising out of damaged pipe on Keystone Pipeline project.

Represented a U.S. independent oil and gas company in an ad hoc arbitration against a midstream company relating to gas gathering, processing, and fractionation facilities.

Represented a global engineering company in SEC investigation arising out of construction of multibillion dollar liquefaction project.

Represented a global chemical company in multimillion dollar Paris-based ICC arbitration arising out of operating agreement for polyethylene and polypropylene plants in France.

Represented a U.S. oil and gas shareholder in a London-based ICC arbitration relating to governance rights in a Trinidadian ammonia production facility.

Represented a French helicopter engine manufacturer in an ICDR arbitration with its U.S. distributor and service provider.

Represented a Japanese diversified industrial company on claims related to mechanical issues on an ethylene export terminal chiller causing product contamination.

Represented an independent oil and gas company in a London-based expert determination on production losses after emergency shutdown of an offshore

Education

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, with honors, 1990

B.A., Wellesley College, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1987

Memberships

Advisory Board, KBH Center for Energy, Law, and Business

Executive Committee, World Affairs Council of Greater Houston

Executive Committee, Institute for Transnational Arbitration

Advisory Board, Institute for Energy Law

International Advisory Committee of the ICDR

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

International Bar Association

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

Bar admissions and qualifications

Texas

Solicitor, England and Wales

Accolades

production platform in the UK Continental Shelf.

Advised an oil and gas company in a dispute with a state-owned Caribbean natural gas transmission and distribution company regarding gas curtailments in long-term gas supply contracts.

Awards and rankings

- Arbitration, *Who's Who Legal (in association with Global Arbitration Review)*, 2020-21
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2020
- Energy, *Who's Who Legal*, 2020
- Best of the Best in Commercial Arbitration, Energy and Natural Resources, and Women in Business Law, *Legal Media Group Expert Guides*, 2020
- UK - Dispute Resolution, Foreign Expert Based in USA, *Chambers Global*, 2017-2018
- International Arbitration (USA), *Chambers Global*, 2013-2017
- International Arbitration (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2009-2016

Latest thinking and events

- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells lawyers recognized as 2021 Arbitration Thought Leaders and Future Leaders
- Published Works
 - The 2017 AIPN Model Dispute Resolution Agreement *Arbitration in the International Energy Industry*
- Published Works
 - INSIGHT: UN's New Convention on Settlement Agreements Provides Streamlined International Enforcement *Bloomberg Law*
- Media Mention
 - Mexico Has a New President: What Does that Mean

"Clients admire her 'intellect and technical understanding of the issues that are at the forefront of the energy industry.'"

Chambers Global

"Clients praise Jennifer's ability to 'dissect complex concepts and present her arguments based on those concepts in a clear way' and describe her as 'very bright, hard-working, and well-organized.'"

Chambers Global

"Sources say 'the fact that she's dual-qualified in England and Texas in the energy industry is extremely useful.'"

Chambers Global

for Latin America-Focused Lawyers? *Daily Business Review*

- Published Works

- Life afta' NAFTA: USMCA Protects U.S. Investors in Mexican Energy Sector *Texas Lawyer*

- News

- Energy Disputes Global Trends and Perspectives