

Maria Wyckoff Boyce

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Biography

Maria Wyckoff Boyce prosecutes and defends complex commercial and intellectual property cases in the energy and technology industries throughout the United States. In the last five years, she has secured several plaintiff and defense victories for her clients in cases involving damages of eight and 10 figures.

Maria has tried patent infringement cases to juries in Delaware, California, and Texas, and she has tried fraud, trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, products liability, personal injury, and employment cases to Texas juries in state and federal court. Maria also has handled several high-profile employee benefits cases. Her trial results have been highlighted in *The American Lawyer*, *The National Law Journal*, *Law360*, and *Texas Lawyer*.

Maria is an elected member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). She has been named a "Woman on the Move" by Texas Executive Women, a "Premier Woman in the Law" by the Association of Women Attorneys, one of Texas' "Top 50 Women Lawyers," one of Houston's "50 Most Influential Women," and one of the "25 Most Powerful and Influential Women in Texas." Maria is also recognized in the *Houston Business Journals* "Who's Who in Energy-Legal (2016 – 2017)."



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Practices

Corporate and Shareholder
Litigation

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Commercial Litigation

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources

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Areas of focus

IP Litigation, Arbitration, and
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Maria is proud that her United States senators have selected her to serve on the bipartisan committee that interviews federal judicial candidates for district court and Fifth Circuit vacancies in Texas. She was also appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel in February 2018.

An active speaker about legal developments in the areas of intellectual property damages, trends in energy litigation, and expert witnesses, Maria recently authored a chapter on expert witnesses in ALM's *Texas Business Litigation (2017)* and an article about expert communications and reports in the State Bar of Texas' *The Advocate*. She is a featured speaker at the 2018 Women in Energy Leadership Initiative and recently spoke at the Advanced Civil Trial Law Course of the State Bar of Texas. She has spoken at the National Association of Women Judges annual conference and the Harris County Civil Judges annual conference. Maria is honored to serve on the boards of educational, arts, and religious organizations.

Within Hogan Lovells, Maria is a member of the Global Leadership Team of the firm's Litigation, Arbitration and Employment practice. She also leads the Oil, Gas, and LNG Sector of Hogan Lovells' Global Energy and Natural Resources Group.

Representative experience

Represented Radio Free Asia in the complete dismissal of a complex tort case in federal court.

Represented Tech Pharmacy Services, LLC in a jury verdict involving multimillion-dollar breach of contract claim.

Represented Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. in a jury verdict involving multimillion-dollar patent infringement claim.*

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, 1988

B.A., Connecticut College, cum laude, 1985

Memberships

Alley Theatre, Board of Directors

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Member

American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member

Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Great Commission Foundation, Chair

Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, Member

International Association of Defense Counsel, Member

Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, Member

Night Court, Board of Directors

Bar admissions and qualifications

Texas

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Represented Linn Energy, LLC in the arbitration of an environmental case involving multimillion-dollar breach of contract and fraud claims.*

Represented Sybase Inc. in a jury verdict involving multimillion-dollar commercial fraud claims.*

Obtained summary judgment for a closely held energy partnership sued for tort and contract claims arising from holdings valued at US\$1.5bn.*

Represented Reliant Energy, Inc. in lawsuits and jury verdicts involving commercial, trade secrets misappropriation, and ERISA class action claims.*

Represented CenterPoint Energy in multiple jury verdicts involving commercial and personal injury claims.*

Represented Dell Inc. in a patent infringement trial in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.*

Represented BASF in lawsuits and jury verdicts involving commercial and employment claims.*

Represented Fair Isaac Corporation in a lawsuit involving commercial fraud claims.*

Represented a leading pharmaceutical manufacturer as co-national counsel for litigation involving a major pharmaceutical product.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

U.S. Supreme Court

Awards and rankings

- Dispute Resolution: General Commercial Disputes, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2019
- Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas, *Legal 500 US*, 2018-2019
- Litigation - Securities, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2017
- Business Litigation, *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2005-2017

Latest thinking and events

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - The Art of Business Litigation: A Conversation (Business & Ethics) and CLE
- Published Works
 - Expert Communications and Draft Reports: Key Discovery Distinctions Between State and Federal Courts in Texas *The Advocate, Vol. 82*
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Advanced Civil Trial Course 2017
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - The Evolution of Nationwide Venue in Patent Infringement Suits
- Published Works
 - Experts *Texas Business Litigation (ALM 2017)*
- Published Works
 - How investing in conservation efforts saves money and staves off regulators in the oil patch *Houston Business Journal*