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Cliff Gunter has devoted more than 49 years of practice to providing strategic, effective trial representation to energy and a diverse array of other, major industrial and financial clients in complex, high stakes, multiple-party litigation, both internationally and domestically. Cliff has a lengthy history of representing clients in class action litigations in industries such as financial services, energy, transportation, electric utility, consumer products and securities. He has advised board of directors with respect to and has conducted numerous internal investigations on diverse subjects ranging from financial reporting issues, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, power trading and bidding, law enforcement and regulatory investigations and shareholder derivative claims. Cliff has advised clients on remedial and preventative measures in connection with these investigations.

He has compiled a long list of representative matters including cases tried to conclusion, cases settled during trial and before trial, appellate arguments, federal grand jury investigations and arbitrations. Cliff is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and International Academy of Trial Lawyers and an advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Representative cases over the last several years include jury trials involving issues of fraud, racketeering (RICO), theft of trade secrets, accounting malpractice, product liability, take-or-pay and pricing disputes relating to the energy industry, breach of contract in commercial litigation, construction litigation, energy and power issues relating to natural gas trading and electricity trading, antitrust and class actions involving shareholder securities fraud claims and derivative suits. His work also encompasses toxic tort and environmental litigation, representation of officers and directors in litigation brought by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) and Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) in

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connection with the failure of financial institutions, arbitration of several transnational gas sales contracts, and representation of multinational corporations on matters involving international projects finance issues. He represented a large Canadian power trading entity in state and federal court litigation and also in lengthy trial proceedings before an administrative law judge of FERC.

Credentials

Education

- Tulane University, L.L.B., 1967
- Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, B.A., 1965

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- Texas

Languages

- Conversational Spanish

Chambers USA

- Texas Litigation: General Commercial, 2007 – 2023
- Texas Litigation: Energy & Natural Resources, 2010 – 2020

The Legal 500 United States

- Energy: Litigation, 2008 – 2013, 2019
- Energy: Regulatory, 2013 – 2014
- Litigation: Supreme Court and Appellate, 2014

Euromoney PLC

- *Benchmark Litigation*, Texas Local Litigation Star, 2013 – 2015, 2010

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers*, 2008 – 2021; 2024 – 2025

Thomson Reuters

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2003 – 2022
- *Super Lawyers*, Corporate Counsel Edition, 2008 – 2009
- *Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers*, 2006