

**Curriculum Vitae
Tommy D. Overton, Jr.**

Summary

Attorney with engineering, commercial, investment banking, and legal experience that reaches across upstream, transportation, refining, and distribution assets. Strong pipeline design, project management, and regulatory compliance background. Proven initiator, strategic thinker, and negotiator of commercial and vendor contracts. Successful real estate entrepreneur and recipient of numerous corporate and scholarly awards with effective leadership, analytical, organizational, and communication skills.

Professional Experience

The Overton Law Firm, P.C., A Professional Law Corporation

Private Practice, Houston Texas (1/1/05 – Present)

Engaged in the general practice of law, specializing in Estate Planning and Probate, Real Estate, Intellectual Property, and regulatory and transactional matters associated with Pipelines.

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Private Practice, Houston Texas (1/1/05 – Present)

Onshore and Offshore pipeline design, consulting, and expert witness services.

Representative Matters:

Kevin and Patricia May v. Thomas H. Miller, et al., 14th Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, No. 2001-842, Division “A,” the Honorable Kent Savoie, Presiding Judge. Retained by Trinchard and Trinchard, LLC on behalf of Concha Chemical Company LLC and Shell Pipeline Company LP. Prepared reports and testified regarding the routing and safety of highway crossing a 12-inch ethylene pipeline in Calcasieu parish.

H. T. Bourgeois v. Louisiana State Gas Corporation, 40th Judicial District Court, Parish of St. John the Baptist, No. 24715, Division “A,” the Honorable Madeline Jasmine, Presiding Judge. Retained by Liskow & Lewis, a professional law corporation, on behalf of Acadian Pipeline System an affiliate of Enterprise Products Partners LP. Testified with regard to the safety, design, maintenance, construction, and operations of a natural gas pipeline in St. John the Baptist Parish.

Shell Pipeline Company LP, Houston, Texas

Commercial and Legal Advisor – Special Assignment (5/03 – 12/31/04)

Legal liaison with business, litigation, licensing, and regulatory responsibilities. Business responsibilities included drafting, negotiating, and closing third party tie-in agreements, as well as dedication and transportation agreements, construction and tie-in agreements, joint tariff agreements, and leases associated with a \$75MM deepwater crude oil pipeline.

Litigation responsibilities included support for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) market based rate case and developing and licensing intellectual property. Against overwhelming corporate momentum, with thorough legal and economic evaluation, proved a new litigation strategy for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) market based rate case to senior management saving \$2MM and facilitating divestiture of major assets; also drafted motions, discovery requests, and responses with outside counsel. Intellectual property duties included drafting and reviewing patent applications, and drafting and negotiating technology and patent licenses as well as included drafting and filing comments on Minerals Management Service proposed rule-making.

Regulatory responsibilities included developing security standards and regulatory compliance plans for all pipeline and storage terminals in the United States. Managed a self-organized team of industry professionals, affiliates, regulators, and corporate security personnel. Amidst strong opposition, saved the company more than 60%, or \$12MM, of the required funding for a \$20MM, five-year plan by persuading senior management to apply for federal grants, file FERC tariff surcharges, and re-negotiate contracts. Maintained technical support role and governance roles in the capacity of Corporate Secretary.

Equilon Pipeline Company LLC, Houston, Texas

Sr. Business Associate – Business Services (11/99 – 5/03)

Governance responsibilities included preparing pre-read documents and presenting budgets, resolutions, and major projects to the Board of Directors. Nominated by the President to Corporate Secretary for the Company's five largest offshore joint venture entities, including: stock companies, limited liability companies, partnerships, and undivided interests. Prepared meeting materials, drafted and maintained minutes, certificates, unanimous written consents, powers of attorney, and other instruments.

Transactional responsibilities included preparing pipeline corridor strategies, economic analysis, hydraulics, market evaluations, forecasts, and coordinating the NEPA permitting process for major projects. Drafted and negotiated commercial proposals, term sheets, and definitive agreements and structured joint interests projects.

Representative development projects: [Aspen](#), a \$250MM joint venture with Williams Energy to transport refined fuels from the Gulf Coast to central Utah; Seahawk, a \$300MM offshore port to offload crude oil tankers in the Gulf of Mexico; [Magnolia](#) a \$87MM deepwater pipeline in a [world record](#) depth of 4,674 feet; and shareholder representative for the Colonial Pipeline's proposed \$305MM [Alabama to Tennessee Extension Project](#).

Shell Capital Incorporated, Houston, Texas

Business Associate – Structured Finance (6/98 – 11/99)

Identified investment banking opportunities and developed corresponding financial products for both the gas and power and exploration and production business lines. Prepared presentations, structures, and financial models while developing a new client base. Worked in deal teams to review project financing, develop deal pricing, analyze structures, and arrange credit facilities for business lines. Negotiated agreements and completed due diligence in third party transactions.

Shell Oil Products Company, Houston, Texas

Project Engineer – Offshore Marine Group (6/96 – 6/98)

Designed and constructed offshore oil and gas pipelines and related facilities totaling \$45MM. Responsible for emergency response and associated pipeline repairs in the Gulf of Mexico. Managed a 12 person staff and established an impeccable record for completing projects on schedule and under budget; acquired a strong reputation for technical proficiency and effective contract negotiations. Duties included matching upstream business objectives and development plans of exploration and production customers with downstream transportation systems for optimum net back, developing deepwater designs, providing sub-sea flow assurance, permitting, and commissioning. Assisted Shell Exploration and Production Company with a construction strategy, budget controls, and scheduling systems for projects in the Gulf of Mexico.

Transportation Engineer – Operations and Project Support (7/94 – 6/96)

Provided technical support to the offshore business development and operations departments. Negotiated third party connection agreements; developed multi-year integrity management plans for gas pipelines and prepared lines for intelligent pigging; monitored operational reliability and improved efficiency and asset utilization. Completed offshore pipeline, crude oil trucking, shallow water barge loading, and storage terminal projects. Participated in development of capital and special maintenance budgets.

Shell Pipe Line Corporation, Houston, Texas

Associate Engineer – Environmental and Technical (2/93 – 7/94)

Technical focal point providing support for pipelines and distribution terminals across a seven-state region. Developed rationale for long-term operating plans and business development for the Mid-Continent Crude and Products Area consistent with refining, crude supply, and product demand forecasts; identified business development needs and opportunities. Prepared and implemented system maintenance plans with budgets. In addition to prescribed responsibilities, independently initiated an electrical engineering project to install Allen Bradley PLC's and remote tank level alarms, modified refinery blending unit to increase capacity, and worked with refinery personnel to remove constraints from the hydrotreater for improved distillates sales.

Shell Pipe Line Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana

Engineer – Technical Support to Operations (12/89 – 2/93)

Mechanical, hydraulic, electrical, and operations and project support on crude oil, refined products, and natural gas liquids pipelines in a seven-state region. Completed engineering evaluations of highway and rail crossings, removed shorted casings, re-routed pipelines, replaced pipe at crossings, and removed casing where appropriate. Evaluated blasting plans and negotiated agreements with landowners. Organized depth surveys, developed multi-year line lowering plans, and lowered more than 10 miles of large diameter in-service crude oil lines. Evaluated the efficiency of crude and products distribution terminals and, where appropriate, cleaned and resealed floors in tanks, repaired floating roofs, and replaced tank seals. Consulted and guided field craft groups to refurbish mainline pumping units, installed rectifiers and ground beds, pumped casings with wax, and replaced in-service mainline valves.

Awards and Accomplishments

- Special Recognition Awards for:

obtaining federal security grants in a larger amount than any other Shell business;
responding successfully to FERC tariff surcharge protests;
re-negotiating supply contracts to pay for current security costs;
closing the \$87MM Magnolia project with Ocean Energy Inc. and Conoco Inc.;
identifying and closing on business consulting strategies;
providing technical support and seminars on technical and commercial issues; and
recruiting special talent.

- Special Award for jointly developing and implementing a budget and schedule control system for the Gulf of Mexico with exploration and production.
- Shell Oil Company President's Quality Leadership Award for developing a commercial project to expand jet fuel sales in St. Louis.
- Successfully developed commercial and residential real estate Limited Liability Companies.

Education

University of Houston Law Center, Doctor of Jurisprudence, December 2002 **GPA: 2.90**

- **Journal:** Managing Editor, HOUSTON BUSINESS AND TAX LAW JOURNAL
- **Awards & Recognitions:** Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams, and Martin – Distinguished Paper in Taxation; [Ebriefcase profile](#) highlighting charitable contributions to the Law Center
- **Publications:** [The Treatment of Cancellation of Indebtedness Income of Insolvent S Corporations](#), Houston Business and Tax Law Journal Vol. II; Learning to Like Like-Kind Exchanges, Abode Magazine April 2002
- **Notable:** Maintained full-time employment; advanced in Moot Court, Negotiation, and Mediation Competitions

Louisiana State University, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, 1989 **GPA: 3.368**

GPA (Major): 3.500; Rank (College of Engineering): 13 of 110; Rank (Major): 1 of 8

- **Honors & Inductions:** Dean's list; Tau Beta Pi; Chi Epsilon

Licenses and Affiliations

State Bar of Louisiana, admitted 2005

State Bar of Texas, admitted 2003

United States Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Attorney, admitted 2003

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

United States Tax Court, admitted 2003

Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas

The American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law

The American Bar Association Section of Tort, Trial, and Insurance Practice

The American Bar Association Section of Litigation

American Intellectual Property Law Association

The Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association

The Louisiana State Bar Association section of Trusts, Estate, and Immovable Law

Professional Engineer in Civil Engineering (LA)