

# KELLY HART

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## KELLY RANSOM Partner

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### BIOGRAPHY

Kelly Ransom is a partner in Kelly Hart's New Orleans office and focuses her practice on coastal law and energy, oil and gas, and environmental litigation.

Ms. Ransom represents oil and gas companies in legacy litigation in which landowners and public entities allege environmental damage from oil and gas exploration and production operations and often claim damages totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. In particular, she defends clients against claims of land loss and damaged hydrology in wetlands and coastal areas. These cases involve issues relating to federal and state laws and regulations and permits issued under state and federal coastal management laws and regulations such as Louisiana's State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act and the Clean Water Act.

Additionally, Ms. Ransom defends oil and gas clients in cases involving gas storage, as well as royalty disputes, lease maintenance claims, and other Louisiana Mineral Code claims. She gained experience representing defendants in a range of complex litigation and toxic tort cases, including NORM exposure cases, asbestos litigation, and benzene exposure cases. She has also handled various commercial litigation matters, as well as products liability cases, in both state and federal courts.

Ms. Ransom also uses her experience and knowledge of coastal issues in her community by serving on the Board of Directors of New Harmony High, a state-chartered high school focused on coastal restoration and preservation. After serving on New Harmony High's Founding Board of Directors, Ms. Ransom was recently elected Chairman of the Board, as well as Chair of the Board's Governance Committee.

### EXPERIENCE AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Represent clients in lawsuits involving claims of coastal land loss and altered hydrology
- Represent client in litigation involving gas storage reservoir and migration
- Represented clients in over a dozen legacy lawsuits and other complex, environmental litigation matters
- Represented clients in NORM and other toxic tort litigation
- Secured numerous dismissals of claims against clients through preliminary motion practice

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- *Enable Mississippi River Transmission LLC v. Linn Energy Holdings, LLC, et al.*, 3:15-CV-01625 (W.D. La. 2016) (dismissing claims brought under Natural Gas Act).
- *Enable Mississippi River Transmission LLC v. Linn Energy Holdings, LLC, et al.*, U.S. Bankruptcy Court S.D. Tx., Houston Div. 16-60040 (DRJ), Adversary No. 16-6017 (11/28/18 Order) (granting Motion to Dismiss claims relating to gas storage facility)
- *D&D Cajun Ventures, LLC v. Atlantic Richfield Company, et al.*, No. 87694, Div. L, 15<sup>th</sup> JDC, Vermillion Parish, Louisiana (dismissing numerous claims, including Louisiana Mineral Code claims, through pretrial motion practice)
- *ConocoPhillips Company v. Texas Petroleum Investment Company, et al.*, 113<sup>th</sup> JDC, Harris County, Texas, No. 2011-46437; *Texas Petroleum Investment Company v. Elysium West LLC*, 113<sup>th</sup> JDC, Harris County, Texas, No. 2011-46437-B (defended client in litigation involving indemnity claim arising from settlement of legacy lawsuit)

## AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Section of Litigation, Member
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, Member
- Louisiana State Bar Association, Member
- Texas State Bar Association, Member
- Alabama State Bar Association, Member
- Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, Member
- Women's Energy Network, Member
- Institute for Energy Law, Executive Committee, 2020-2022
- Institute for Energy Law, *The Energy Law Advisor*, Managing Editor, 2020-2022
- New Harmony High, XQ Super School Board of Directors,
  - President, 2018-Present
  - Founding Board Member, 2016-2020
- Institute for Energy Law, Young Energy Professional
  - Advisory Board Member, 2017-Present
  - Publications Sub-committee, Vice Chair, 2019-Present

### HONORS

- Louisiana Super Lawyers Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2021
- Leadership in Law Honoree, New Orleans CityBusiness, 2020
- Woman of the Year, New Orleans CityBusiness, 2016, 2020
- Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, Charter Board Leadership Academy Certification

### EDUCATION

- Cumberland School of Law, J.D., 2007
  - Moot Court National Team Member, 2006-2007
  - Moot Court Executive Board Member, 2006-2007
  - Certificate in Trial Advocacy
  - Scholar in Merit Awards for highest grade in Pre-Trial Practice and Procedure; Wills, Trusts, and Estates; Real Estate Transactions; and Domestic Relations
  - National Order of Barristers Honors Society
  - Dean's List, 2004-2007

- Rhodes College, B.A., Political Science, 2003

## ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Louisiana
- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of Alabama
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

## SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "[Fifth Circuit Affirms Remand Orders in Louisiana Coastal Zone Lawsuits](#)," Center for American and International Law, Energy Law Advisor, September, 2020
- Editor, [Energy Law Advisor](#), Center for American and International Law, Vol 14., No. 3, 2020
- Author, "Professional Lessons I Learned Outside of My Actual Profession," Institute for Energy Law, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Issue 8, January 2020
- Author, "Expert Interview of Kathleen Magruder Hiersche," Institute for Energy Law, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Issue 7, October 2019
- Editor, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Institute for Energy Law, Issue 7, October 2019
- Editor, [The Energy Dispatch](#), Institute for Energy Law, Issue 6, July 2019
- Speaker, "Extinction is the Rule, Survival the Exception: Maintaining the Lease During the Secondary Term in the Absence of Producing in Paying Quantities," 66 Mineral Law Institute, March 2019
- Moderator, "Developing an Energy Network – Fuel for a Career," Institute for Energy Law, National Young Energy Professionals' Law Conference, April 2018
- Author, "Young Lawyers Corner: Advising Clients on Their Duty to Preserve Evidence," ABA Section of Litigation, Mass Torts Journal, Vol. 9, No. 2, p. 5, Winter 2011