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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Financial Services

Oil and Gas

Transportation and Logistics

EDUCATION

University of Southern California
Law School, J.D., 1999

Southern California Law Review,
senior editor, 1998-1999

Rice University, B.A., 1996,
magna cum laude

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Texas

California

U.S. District Court for the Central
District of California

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the
Western District of Texas

Heather is a partner in the Vorys Houston office and a member of the litigation group. She focuses her practice on commercial litigation, with an emphasis on oil and gas, trade secret, employment and transportation matters. She has represented clients at trial and on appeals. Heather also has extensive arbitration experience, having represented clients many times before the AAA, ICDR, NASD, FINRA, JAMS and other arbitral forums.

Her notable experience includes:

- Leading arbitration team that successfully represented operator before ICDR in a dispute concerning UOA operating rights over \$1 billion project in the Gulf of Mexico
- Serving second-chair in jury trial defending a million dollar partnership dispute involving claims of breach of contract, fraud and fiduciary duty
- Prosecuting and defending claims against companies and individuals for trade secret misappropriation and related statutory and tort violations, in state and federal courts.
- Defending a publicly traded company on \$27 million lost profit and unfair competition claims, leading to dismissal at the pleading stage
- Defending international oil and gas exploration and production company against claims of breach of operating agreements and leases stemming from an environmental legacy litigation lawsuit
- Defending employers in labor and employment matters, including discrimination, retaliation, harassment, non-competition covenants, and wage and hour issues.
- Representing issuers and underwriters of mortgage-backed securities against allegations of securities fraud
- Representing global freight management and contract logistics company in commercial disputes across the country
- Representing claimants and respondents in arbitration in a wide variety of matters involving claims of sales practice violations, securities fraud, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, labor code violations and other employment issues, and slander
- Representing physicians of cancer research hospital in health care related matters

Heather is a member of the Houston Bar Association's Securities Litigation and Arbitration Section and the Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section.

Heather received her J.D. from the University of Southern California Law School, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and senior editor of the *Southern California Law Review*. She received her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Rice University.

VORYS

Admitted to practice law only in
the states listed above.

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Insights

"FinCEN Expands Data Collection Geography Beyond Banking," *International Law* 360, November 24, 2015

"Treasury Targets Electronics Exporters, Carriers in Miami," *Journal of Commerce*, June 5, 2015

Professional and Community Activities

Transportation & Logistics Council, Member

Houston Bar Association, Securities and Arbitration Section

Houston Bar Association, Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section

State Bar of California, Member

State Bar of Texas, Member

Events

BP Legal CLE Training Camp

Trade Secrets Update: Texas Supreme Court Raises Bar for Lost Profits Damages Again