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As a Logistics, Energy and Manufacturing Litigation Group shareholder and member of the Advocacy Department, Lauren Brink Adams defends a number of national and international companies in a variety of complex commercial litigation matters.

Ms. Adams defends a broad range of clients in the oil and gas industry against complex personal injury and property damage lawsuits at both the trial and appellate levels. She focuses her practice on environmental litigation, including claims of alleged groundwater and surface contamination, subsidence, and land loss; torts related to property, including trespass, nuisance, premise liability, and neighboring landowner claims; and breach of contract, lease, and/or servitude claims.

Ms. Adams is a member of the Civil Procedure Committee of the Louisiana State Law Institute. Before joining Baker Donelson, Ms. Adams served as a judicial extern to U.S. District Court Judge John W. deGravelles of the Middle District of Louisiana in Baton Rouge and a legislative intern to state representative Franklin J Foil (District 70).

Representative Matters

- Providing ongoing defense of one of the nation's largest aggregates companies in complex state and federal court litigation in connection with brine-solution mining operations.
- Ongoing and prior successful defense of multiple oil and gas companies in "legacy lawsuits" seeking remediation of alleged surface and subsurface pollution, including alleged groundwater contamination, with alleged damages often exceeding several hundred million dollars.
- Successfully mediated a highly-contested business dispute involving a multi-million-dollar buyout of a member's interest in a closely-held limited liability company.
- Defended a leading global provider of disaster response services in a high-profile federal court litigation after a Congressional investigation, resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Providing ongoing defense of Coastal Zone Management Act lawsuits asserted by various Parishes and the City of New Orleans.
- Successful representation of oilfield waste management facility against claims of alleged surface and subsurface pollution and groundwater contamination, resulting in favorable settlement.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation (2021 – 2025); Environmental Law and Energy Law (2022 – 2025)
- Listed in *Louisiana Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star in Business Litigation (2024)
- Member – Louisiana State Law Institute, Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Committee
- Member – Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter
- Member – New Orleans Bar Association
- Member – Louisiana Bar Association
- Member – American Bar Association

Publications

- "Court Interprets Indemnities in Purchase and Sale Agreement," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 71, No. 3 (October/November 2023)

- "4th Circuit Affirms Defense Judgment in Legacy Lawsuit," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 71, No. 2 (August/September 2023)
- "Test Wells and Seismic Surveys," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 71, No. 1 (June/July 2023)
- "3rd Circuit Rejects Solidary Liability of Defendant for Fees and Costs Under Act 312," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 70, No. 6 (April/May 2023)
- "Article 137 Notice Was Effective," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 70, No. 5 (February/March 2023)
- "Third Circuit Holds Defendant Liable Under Act 312 without Liability in Tort or Contract," *Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 5 (February 2022)
- Co-author – "Operator's Intent Determined Whether Well was a Unit Well or Lease Well" and "Court Grants Preliminary Injunction Against 'Pause' on Federal Oil and Gas Leasing," *Recent Developments, Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 2 (August/September 2021)
- Co-author – "Landowner Not Entitled to Disgorgement of Defendant's Profits as Relief for Trespassing Pipeline," *Recent Developments, Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 1 (June/July 2021)
- Co-author – "Company Purchasing Oil from Operator that Committed Trespass Could Invoke Louisiana's Good Faith Purchaser Defense," *Recent Developments, Louisiana Bar Journal*, Vol. 68, No. 6 (April/May 2021)
- "Baker's Dozen: Remembrances of RBG," *Women's Initiative Newsletter* (October 2020)
- "Louisiana Federal Court Rejects Expert Testimony Projecting Lost Revenue for Non-Producing Oil and Gas Well," *Institute for Energy Law Oil and Gas E-Report* (December 2019)
- "Simplifying Expert Testimony Through the Use of Headlines and Themes," Louisiana State Bar Association CLE on "The Song and Art of Persuasion" (2019)
- "The Persuasive Use of Experts," Louisiana State Bar Association CLE on "The Song and Art of Persuasion" (2018)



Speaking Engagements

- Presenter – "Recent Developments in Oil and Gas Litigation," 68th Mineral Law Institute (April 2021)
- Co-presenter – "Simplifying Expert Testimony with Headlines and Themes," Louisiana State Bar Association's seminar "Playing Their Song: Using Themes and Headlines to Persuade the Jury" (April 2019)



Education

- Louisiana State University, Paul M. Herbert Law Center, J.D. and Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law, 2016, magna cum laude
 - *Louisiana Law Review* – Junior Associate (Volume 75), Senior Editor (Volume 76)
 - The Order of the Coif
- Louisiana State University, B.A. in Mass Communications, 2013, cum laude



Admissions

- Louisiana, 2016
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana, 2016
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2016