



Kat Statman

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Kat Statman is a litigation shareholder in Baker Donelson's Houston office.

Kat focuses on complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts throughout Texas and the nation. With proven courtroom experience, he handles high-stakes business disputes for public companies and privately held entities across an array of industries, including the oil and gas sector, energy transition, maritime, environmental, construction, and financial services.

Kat routinely advises clients on commercial disputes, toxic torts, and products liability. He counsels clients on maritime claims and defenses, including maritime liens, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and related enforcement matters. Kat has experience responding to industrial incidents often involving workplace fatalities and environmental risk exposure. He also defends regulatory claims involving industrial failure and clean-up, risk assessments, and water safety.

Kat is actively engaged in public service initiatives and projects. He supports the National Homelessness Law Center's youth project, which involves research into state laws affecting homeless youth. Kat is an avid cyclist.

Representative Matters

- Defended the first reported Legionella wrongful death case against a chemical water treater from the trial court through the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.
- Defending a natural gas pipeline company in a jury trial involving a workplace safety injury sustained by a contractor's employee.
- Defended a vessel owner in a personal injury maritime dispute arising out of an incident in the Panama Canal.
- Defended a post-construction water treater in a large commercial project in Boston where significant pipe erosion occurred in the building.
- Defended a manufacturer and supplier in large-scale mass actions and multidistrict litigation involving products liability claims wrongly bundled together.
- Defended a global engineering and construction firm against claims related to remediation of oil and gas producing properties with pre-existing soil and groundwater contamination.
- Defended a chemicals company in a CERCLA action in Houston, Texas.
- Defended a financial services company in ongoing consumer transactional claims.
- Advised a construction company regarding lien rights and contractual issues in Texas on large industrial construction projects.
- Successfully represented a fire protection systems contractor in an industrial construction dispute, with the court awarding the client the full contract value, nearly \$400,000 in prompt pay interest, and exemplary damages totaling more than \$1.8 million.
- Defended a midstream oil and gas company in a gas gathering agreement and royalty dispute.
- Prosecuted fraud claims on behalf of a major financial institution, resulting in a two-day bench trial.
- Defended small, closely held company in a weeklong jury trial in a shareholder dispute related to damages and repairs after Hurricane Harvey in Dickinson, Texas.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* in America for Commercial Litigation (2022 – 2025)

- Chair – ABA TIPS Law In Public Service Committee
- Chair – ABA TIPS Task Force on Hurricane Relief
- Chair – ABA TIPS International Law Committee
- Vice Chair – ABA TIPS Intellectual Property Committee
- Vice Chair – ABA TIPS Dispute Resolution Committee
- Member – ABA TIPS Business Litigation Committee
- Member – ABA TIPS Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee
- Past Co-chair – ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Standing Committee on Law Students
- Member – Institute for Energy Law (IEL) Young Energy Professionals Member Engagement Committee and Public Service Subcommittee
- Member – IEL 7th Leadership Class (2024 – 2025)
- Arbitration Certification by the Houston Maritime Arbitrator's Association (April 2025)



Publications

- Co-author – "Vanishing Forums and Vacated Awards: Fifth Circuit Addresses Arbitrability and Vacatur in Commercial Energy Disputes," IEL's *Energy Law Advisor* (June 2025)
- Co-author – "When the Forum Sinks: The Fifth Circuit Wades in on Defunct Arbitration Forums," TIPS Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee Newsletter (Spring 2025)
- "Louisiana Class VI Carbon Sequestration Primary Approval Meets a Stumbling Block Before the 5th Circuit," *IEL Energy Law Advisor*, Vol. 18 (May 2024)
- "Forever Chemicals, Forever a Problem? PFAS Impact Business Considerations Through State and Federal Regulations" (April 2023)
- "Deal Killer? PFAS Impact on Commercial Real Estate Transactions" (April 2023)
- "EPA Issues New Proposed PFA Drinking Water Regulations" (March 2023)
- Co-author – "Class Certification Hearings and Decisions," Chapter 4, *A Practitioner's Guide to Class Actions*, American Bar Association, 3d. Edition (2021)
- "Clean Water Act: Circuit and District Courts Start Addressing the Supreme Court's "Functional Equivalent" Requirement " (November 2021)
- "Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law," *55 Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Journal* 77 (Spring 2020)
- "OSHA on the OCS? Fifth Circuit Affirms Preemption of OSHA Regulations on OCS MODU," *Texas Lawyer* (April 2018)
- "5th Circ. Goes Broad On Oil Pollution Act Liability," *Law360* (December 2017)
- "Comment on Arbitration In Evolution: Current Practices and Perspectives of Experienced Commercial Arbitrators," *International Law Committee Newsletter* (Winter 2015)
- "The New Paradigm in Vendor Management Under the CFPB," *Law360* (October 2015)
- "To Comply or Not Comply? An Argument in Favor of Increasing Investigation and Enforcement of MARPOL Annex I," *5 Washington & Lee Journal of Energy, Climate, and the Environment* 251 (December 2013)
- "Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law," *Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Journal* 1 (Fall 2012)



Speaking Engagements

- "Remedial Action in Southeastern States: Texas," webinar (October 2014)



Education

- Washington & Lee University School of Law, J.D., 2014
- University of Colorado at Boulder, M.A., 2010

- Bard College, B.A., 2008



Admissions

- Texas, 2014
- U.S. District Court for the Southern, Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit