

Practice Areas

- Energy Law
- Construction Law
- Litigation

Education

- State University of New York, College at Geneseo, B.A., summa cum laude
- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., with honors

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- United States District Courts (Northern, Southern, Eastern & Western Districts of Texas)
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

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Julia Calnek maintains a combined litigation and transactional practice focused in the oil and gas industry, onshore and offshore construction and architectural and engineering fields both, domestically and in the international arena. Her blended practice enables her to assist clients in contract negotiations and document preparation related to oil and gas transactions and maritime and onshore construction projects, as well as representing these types of clients in the resolution of disputes through negotiation, litigation or arbitration.

Ms. Calnek is regularly involved in preparing and negotiating agreements utilized in the energy sector, ranging from standard master service agreements, charter party agreements and engineering and consulting agreements, to contracts for major maritime construction projects including EPCI & Operations and Management agreements. Ms. Calnek also assists clients in the drafting and negotiation of construction and design contracts, whether acting as owners, general contractors, subcontractors, engineers or architects. She also serves as general counsel to an international engineering, project management and marine construction firm. In addition to her transactional practice, Ms. Calnek maintains a particular emphasis on resolving complex commercial and engineering disputes through litigation and arbitration.

Representative Matters

- Prevailed in arbitrating claim for indemnity arising out of the collapse of a drill rig in which client faced potential exposure to personal injury and property damage claims in excess of \$15 million
- Won arbitration involving multimillion dollar claim for pipeline contractor
- Successfully represented Instrumentation and Electrical contractor in arbitration or claims for non-payment by owner
- Assisted in the successful negotiation of multiple EPCI & Operations Contracts for international offshore oil and gas projects valued between \$500 million to \$1.5 billion

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- Negotiated \$235 million in construction financing agreements on behalf of general contractor

Seminars & Presentations

- "Contract Risk Management," Fort Bend County Regional Infrastructure Conference 2009; 2008
- "Foreign Corrupt Practices Act," 32nd Annual Tax and Business Planning Seminar, CHWWM, December 2009
- Texas Society of Professional Engineers 72nd Annual Convention, June 2007
- "Dispute Management," Half Moon Seminar on Legal Issues for Texas Civil Engineers, June 2007
- Recent Developments in Contract Risk Management, Strategic Risk Institute, Contract Risk Management in Oil & Gas Industry, May 2007
- "Electronic Communication Management," American Petroleum Institute Federal Tax Forum, May 2006
- University of Texas School of Engineering Management Conference, July 2005

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
 - Texas Bar Association
 - Houston Bar Association
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