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Overview

Francis represents plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of commercial litigation matters in all types of industries, including oil and gas, software, aviation, healthcare, and financial. Prior to joining Susman Godfrey in 2013, Francis worked for an oil and gas law firm and passed bar exams in three states; he also became proficient in Mandarin Chinese.

Education

- University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2011)
- University of Scranton (B.S., political science and international studies, 2008) *summa cum laude*
- University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China (2007)

Honors and Distinctions

- Intern to Judge Craig Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas (2010)
- Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Legal Foundation Scholarship Winner (2010 – 2011)
- Certified Mediator in Texas
- University of Texas Mediation Competition Champion (2011)
- Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law, Submissions Editor, (Board Member 2009-2011)
- Texas International Law Journal, Articles and Notes Editor, (Board Member 2009-2011)

Articles and Speeches

- *State Regulations, Litigation, and Hydraulic Fracturing*, 7 *Env'tl & Energy L. & Pol'y J.* 47 (2012)
- *Regulations and Unconventional Resources*, U. Texas Energy Inst. White Paper (with Prof. Melinda Taylor) (2012)
- *Regulations and Shale Gas Development*, U. Texas Energy Inst. White Paper (with Prof. Hannah Wiseman) (2011)
- *Dispute Resolution and Power Project Permitting in China*, 5 *Tex. J. Oil Gas & Energy L.* 357 (2010)
- Speaker: "The Role of Law in China's Agricultural Quality Reforms," *Tex. Asia Conf.*, Austin, TX, Feb. 2011

- Speaker: "Dispute Resolution and Power Project Permitting in China," University of Texas Symposium on Dispute Resolution, Austin, TX, Mar. 2010

Professional Associations and Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Licensed to Practice Law in Colorado