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REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Counsel for a riverboat casino operator in defense of a \$600 million Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices claim by a competing license applicant. Jury award for the plaintiff in the amount of \$3 million reduced by the trial court to \$1.6 million, and then overturned on appeal. Applying the *Noerr-Pennington* doctrine, the Court of Appeal dismissed all of plaintiff's claims. The Louisiana Supreme Court denied writs and the U.S. Supreme Court denied certiorari.
- Lead counsel for a group of overriding royalty owners seeking damages against an operator for bad faith termination of overriding royalty interests culminating in a significant verdict in favor of the clients
- Lead counsel for an independent exploration company involved in a dispute concerning an Area of Mutual Interest (AMI) and interpretation of a series of Joint Operating Agreements
- Lead counsel for a number of oil and gas operators in a mass tort suit filed by the SLFPA-E for damages arising out of oil and gas operations
- Lead counsel for a number of oil and gas operators and working interest owners in various "Legacy lawsuits"
- Counsel for Fortune 100 chemical company in a number of "Legacy lawsuits," lawsuits involving claims for environmental contamination and remediation on property with previous and ongoing oil and gas operations
- Counsel for major timber company in a number of "Legacy lawsuits," lawsuits involving claims for environmental contamination and remediation on property with previous and ongoing oil and gas operations

- Counsel for drilling company in suit involving the prosecution of a negligence claim by the operator and working interest owners for negligence against a contractor which resulted in damage to a well bore
- Counsel for drilling company in suit involving the prosecution of a claim by the operator and against a contractor involving a fee dispute
- Lead counsel for the subsidiary of a Fortune 500 company defending indemnity and single business enterprise claims arising out of a previous Legacy lawsuit
- Counsel for a pipeline company in lawsuit involving environmental damage and water contamination arising out of historical pipeline operations
- Counsel for chemical manufacturer in complex toxic exposure litigation by a former on-site contractor
- Counsel for state university in a dispute with an oil and gas operator involving contractual and unitization issues on property owned by the university
- Lead counsel for various oil and gas operators in a suit filed by two (2) Louisiana parishes for violations of the Coastal Zone Management Act
- Counsel for a major steel manufacturer seeking to build a plant in Louisiana involving a site with numerous operating natural gas wells

Practicing law since 2003, Edward “Eddie” Hughes is a Partner with Taylor Porter, concentrating on a diverse array of commercial litigation matters, and a particular niche in oil and gas law, counseling clients on both transactional and litigation matters within the industry. He also practices in toxic tort, and insurance defense and casualty litigation.