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Wilson Montjoy's broad practice spans both the energy and economic development sectors. He has served as lead counsel on some of the region's largest industrial projects, advising clients on each stage of the process from site selection and negotiating incentive packages to the construction and regulatory matters surrounding the facilities. He also frequently represents energy companies and project developers in regulatory, contractual, real estate, and environmental matters. Montjoy's work has been recognized in multiple publications, including Chambers USA and Best Lawyers, each noting his experience in the areas of energy and economic development law.

PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Economic Development
- Public Utilities
- Energy Industry Team

EXPERIENCE

- Advised clients in development work for over \$16 billion in projects.
- Represented developers of numerous large industrial and energy projects, handling or coordinating site selection, incentive, real estate, environmental, finance, regulatory and other project development activities.
- Served as lead outside counsel in the development of a \$1.45 billion tire manufacturing facility which will create 2,500 new jobs.
- Negotiated numerous economic development incentive agreements with the State and dozens of counties and cities, including over 70 fee-in-lieu tax agreements, reserved for very large projects.
- Represented an automotive company with regard to a state and local economic development incentive package for a \$2 billion facility, including the negotiation of inducement agreements and working with the state in drafting special legislation for the project.
- Served as lead Mississippi counsel for a number of pipeline projects ranging in size from \$100 million to over \$1 billion and totaling over 700 miles, with services including right-of-way acquisition, eminent domain actions, permitting, tax incentives, bond financing and environmental, real estate, regulatory and other commercial issues.

- Served as lead Mississippi counsel for the development of a 2,000 MW HVDC transmission line involving 200 miles in Mississippi, including representation before the Mississippi Public Service Commission for a siting certificate.
- Served as Mississippi counsel for development of \$2 billion natural gas and NGL export facility.
- Served as Mississippi counsel in development of multi-billion dollar LNG liquefaction and export facility.
- Mississippi counsel for clients developing energy wood pellet manufacturing and export facilities.
- Represented a number of independent power producers in connection with site selection, project development and on-going operations for over 15 facilities ranging in size from \$250 to over \$500 million, and in proceedings before the Public Service Commission.
- Obtained siting certificates for independent power producers from the Mississippi Public Service Commission.
- Represented developers of several natural gas processing and underground natural gas storage facilities ranging from \$100 to \$300 million.
- Represented the Mississippi Development Authority in connection with the negotiation and implementation of a \$293 million incentive package for a steel mill.
- Advised a biochemical company in the development of a \$250 million facility.
- Represented both counties and local economic development agencies in large economic development projects.
- Advised clients developing utility-scale solar electric generation facilities.
- Representing clients developing multi-billion dollar natural gas export facilities.
- Advised numerous clients in the sale or financing of large energy facilities.
- Litigated cases for natural gas pipelines in MS, LA, OK and TX involving issues such as contract, eminent domain and federal and state regulatory matters. Significant matters include:
 - *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co. v. State Oil and Gas Board*, 475 U.S. 1099 (1986)
 - *Williamson v. Elf Aquitaine, Inc.*, 138 F. 3d 546 (5th 1998)
 - *Ford v. Destin Pipeline*, 809 So. 2d 573 (Miss. 2000)
 - *Southeast Supply Header, LLC v. 40 Acres*, 2007 WL 4459092 (S. D. Miss. 2007)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Mississippi, 1978
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Courts
 - Mississippi: Northern and Southern Districts
- Court of Appeals
 - 5th Circuit

DISTINCTIONS

- AV-Rated, *Martindale-Hubbell*[®]
- *Super Lawyers*[®]
 - Mid-South Super Lawyer, Energy and Industrial Project Development, 2012-2014
- *Best Lawyers in America*[®]
 - Economic Development Law, 2019-2021
 - Energy Law, 2010-2021
 - Mediation, 2013-2021
 - Natural Resources Law, 2010-2021
 - Oil and Gas Law, 2010-2021
- *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
 - Corporate/Commercial (Mississippi), 2008
 - Energy and Natural Resources (Mississippi), 2009-2020
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Who's Who in the World
- Who's Who in American Law
- Who's Who in America
- Governor-Elect Phil Bryant, Policy Transition Team, Energy Committee

ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
 - Board of Governors
 - House of Delegates
 - Nominating Committee
 - Young Lawyers Division
 - Assembly Speaker
 - Clerk
 - Director
 - Fellow
 - Section on Environment, Energy and Resources
 - Officer
 - Director
- Mississippi Bar Association
 - Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution
 - Director, Young Lawyers Division
 - Fellow, Young Lawyers Division
- Capital Area Bar Association
 - Board of Directors

- Jackson Young Lawyers
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

EDUCATION & HONORS

- University of Mississippi, J.D., 1978
 - Articles Editor, *Mississippi Law Journal*
- University of Mississippi, B.A., *with distinction*, 1975

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, LAW ELEVATED – Recent tax changes to encourage development & new investment, *Mississippi Business Journal*, September 7, 2018.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Leadership Greater Jackson
- St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Board of Directors
 - Chair of the Board
 - Vice-Chair of the Board
 - Trustee
 - Co-Chair of Head of School Search Committee
- St. Andrew's Cathedral
 - Senior Warden
 - Junior Warden
 - Vestry
 - Chair of Dean Search Committee
- Grace House, Inc.
 - Vice President