



*John D. Sullivan*

**John Sullivan** is a seasoned litigation, arbitration, and trial attorney with extensive experience in domestic and international matters involving energy industry construction projects; insurance coverage and claims; breach of contract, oil and gas, catastrophic personal injury, and wrongful death claims; and claims for fraud and breach of fiduciary duty for multiple *Fortune* 50 companies, including Shell and Texaco. Mr. Sullivan has also been the recipient of multiple special recognition awards for outstanding legal practice and achievement.

**Representative Experience:**

- Steered the negotiation of a *nolo contendere* plea in a criminal case brought against client by the United States Department of Justice, which was the first *nolo contendere* plea ever agreed to by the DOJ in this type of criminal case; resulted in the client maintaining several hundred million dollars in insurance coverage for liability claims
- Defended owner of refinery in Washington state on multiple wrongful death and bodily injury claims arising from process unit fire and explosion
- Defended operator of refined products pipeline in Washington state concerning pipeline rupture, explosion, and fire with multiple fatalities, significant property damage, and business interruption claims
- Defended owner of refinery in Delaware on wrongful death and bodily injury claims arising from rupture and explosion of an above-ground storage tank
- Defended former owner of refinery in Washington state on multiple wrongful death and bodily injury claims arising from failure of an exchanger
- Defended driver and owner of tanker truck on multiple wrongful death and catastrophic bodily injury claims arising from collision between 15- passenger van and tanker truck in Delaware
- Defended nation's largest quick lube operator and franchisor in several cases involving wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims
- Recovered \$20 million from EPC contractor in a cost-overrun dispute concerning expansion of chemical plant in Louisiana

- Recovered \$100 million in environmental remediation and response costs from insurance carrier by prevailing in international arbitration in London
- Obtained complete reversal from Supreme Court of South Carolina of a \$50 million judgment on dram shop claim involving two fatalities and several serious injuries
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of 21 wrongful death claims arising from explosion and sinking of the chemical tanker *Bow Mariner* off the coast of Virginia
- Defended an oil and gas lease cancellation, trespass, and accounting action for international energy company
- Defended a refined products pipeline rupture claim for a Houston-based service company
- Pursued defense and indemnification claim against multiple insurance carriers for Houston-based service company
- Expert witness on settlement issues for an international staffing company involved in insurance coverage litigation
- Investigated and prepared \$5 billion claim against EPC contractor and \$300 million insurance claim related to expansion of Gulf Coast refinery in Texas
- Prevailed in a precedent-setting oil and gas case before the New Mexico Court of Appeals in which a multi-million-dollar judgment was reversed on a claim of subsurface trespass and damage to natural gas reserves
- Represented a petroleum refinery in Washington state in London arbitration against excess insurer on claims arising from a process unit fire with multiple fatalities
- Represented a captive insurance carrier in London arbitration against reinsurer on claims arising from a refined products pipeline rupture, explosion and fire with multiple fatalities, significant property damage, and business interruption claims
- Represented a major energy company in London arbitration against insurance carrier on claims arising from alleged contamination of municipal water supply of city in California
- Represented a major energy company in London arbitration brought by excess insurer seeking declaration on coverage for products liability claims related to gasoline additive
- Represented a major energy company in London arbitration against excess insurer on claims arising from alleged environmental contamination caused by gasoline additive
- Represented minority interest owner in multi-billion-dollar arbitration in Qatar concerning construction of a Liquefied Natural Gas facility
- Represented a petroleum refinery in Louisiana in arbitration against a demolition contractor on claims arising from a process unit fire and explosion
- Consulted petroleum refinery in Texas concerning arbitration against property insurers on claims arising from failure of a process unit

- Consulted petroleum refinery in Texas concerning arbitration against EPC contractor on claims involving allegations of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty
- Consulted on several investment treaty claims and arbitrations arising from seizure and expropriation of assets, property, and business by foreign governments
- Handled multi-million-dollar arbitration against two property insurers concerning fire damage to catalyst used in refinery operations

**Prior Experience:**

- Senior Counsel, Shell Oil Company, 1998-2016
- Senior Attorney, Texaco Inc., 1989-1998

**Memberships**

- American Arbitration Association Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) (Certified Arbitrator)
- State Bar of Texas
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- State Bar of Colorado

**Court Admissions**

- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado

**Education:**

- J.D., 1984, University of Oklahoma College of Law
- B.B.A., Finance, 1981, University of Oklahoma

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