Areas of Focus

* Arbitration: Chairman, Panel Member or Sole Arbitrator – Party Chosen neutral or otherwise appointed.
* Consultant, Expert Witness:: Professional Malpractice aor the Reasonableness and Necessity of Attorney Fees

**Professional Recognition:**

Appointed fourteen years agoo to serve on the American Arbitration Association’s Commerciakl Panel, having been involved in arbitrations under the AAA Commercial Rules, the AAA/ICDR Internatonl Rules, the CPR Rules, and the London Chamber of Commerce Rules.

Selected as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates, where he served as President of the Houston chapter and a National Director, Bill Matthews is also a Fellow in the American Law Institute, where he serves as a member of the consulting groups drafting revisions to the Restatement of law, 3rd U.S. Law of International Commercial Arbitration and for revisions to the Restatement of Law Governing Lawyers.

He has been chosen as one of the 500 leading lawyers in America by the editors of Law Dragon, and recognized as among the best lawyers in America for “Bet-the-Company” litigation, commercial litigation, and legal malpractice law over the past ten years (Steven Naifeh & Gregory White Smith eds., Woodward White Inc.). Bill Matthews was named one of Houston’s best lawyers in Inside Houston and recognized as a Texas “Super Lawyer” by Law & Politics Media, Inc.

Practice Emphasis

Bill Matthews has served as neutral arbitrator and chairman of panels or as trial counsel in approximately 35 arbitrations involving, variously, evaluation of offshore properties, drilling operations, construction, corporate disputes; trade secret violations; breach of fiduciary obligations in a variety of contexts (including questions of professional negligence relating to doctors, design engineers, attorneys, estate administrators, and trustees), aand issues related to the interpretation and enforcement of commercial contracts.

Bill Matthews has successfully handled over 40 trials to a jury verdict over the past 45 years,, in federal and state courts, during an active tpractice focused on business litigation, particularly lawsuits involving offshore drilling and other aspects of the oil and gas industry. He also has achieved statewide professional recognition in the liability defense of lawyers, bank trustees, accountants, board members and other fiduciaries, as well as serving as a consultant and, if necessary, an expert witness as to legal/fiduciary ethics and the necessity and reasonableness of attorney fees.

Professional Affiliations

* Member, Bar Association for Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
* Member, Houston Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas
* Former member of the Center for Professional Responsibility
* Former member of the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility
* Board Certified, formerly, Civil Trial Law, by theTexas Board of Legal Specialization
* Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
* Qualified Neutral Panelist, American Arbitration Association
* Fellow, American Law Institute
* Member, Consulting Group on Revisions to Restatement of Law, 3rd U.S. Law of International Commercial Arbitration
* Member, Consulting Group for Revisions to Restatement of Law Governing Lawyers
* Former Member, College of the State Bar of Texas
* Former member, American Board of Trial Advocates
* National Director
* President, Houston Chapter

Sample Publications and Speeches

* Co-Author , Conflicting Loyalties Facing In-House Counse Ethical
* Autuor of Care and Feeding of the Ravenous Multi-Headed Client, St. Mary's L.J. (2006).
* Author of Defending Malpractice Claims, Business Organization CLE Course, S. Texas College of Law
* Lecturer on Trial Tactics, Professional Ethics and Potential Liability for Attorneys and Accountants: sponsored by the State Bar of Texas at the South Texas School of Law
* Guest lecturer for several years on legal ethics and professional responsibility at the University of Houston School of law on request of the professor serving as chair of the drafting sub-committee on the Texas Disciolinary Rules of Professional Conduct

Education

* J.D., The University of Texas School of Law (1963)
* Plan II, The University of Texas School of Law (1960)

Former Firm’s Leadership

* Management Committee ,15 years
* Chair of Trial Group / Houaton
* Firm Management Representative: Lone Star Network, throughout Texas
* Firm Management Representative: Southern Law Network, throughout Southeastern United States

Community Involvement

* Advisory Board Member/Trustee, Galveston Bay Foundation
* Member, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
  + Formerly on Development Committee
  + Formely on Executive Committee, Corporate Partners
* Supporter, Ronald McDonald House, Houston
* Former Chair, University of Texas Liberal Arts College Advisory Board
* Former Board Member, River Oaks Foundation
* Former Board Member, Covenant House, Texas and Chairman of Health Committee
* Past Commodore, Texas Corinthian Yacht Club
* Former Member, Administrative Board of St. Luke's United Methodist Church