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#### **About Edmund**

Edmund Robb focuses his practice on commercial disputes arising out of the energy industry. He has experience prosecuting and defending complex commercial litigation, oil and gas disputes, energy agreements, environmental and regulatory matters and securities claims.

Edmund works closely with in-house teams to manage and prepare cases at all stages, from initial investigation to final judgment. He has represented clients in state court, federal courts and in arbitration, and has conducted numerous internal investigations on behalf of corporations, boards and board committees. Edmund also has experience handling probate, product liability and construction cases.

#### **Recent Notable Matters**

**Private equity firm** — lead associate for plaintiff in case alleging more than \$100 million in damages arising from the purchase and sale of a natural gas storage business; case settled at the end of discovery on favorable terms for client

**Multinational company** — lead associate in defending company from approximately \$750 million of contractual claims related to a Production Handling Agreement, Spar Operating Agreement, and other contracts related to offshore production

*Oil and gas company* — lead associate defending company against claims brought by lessors seeking to avoid mineral leases in the Eagleford Shale

**Shippers** — disputes involving allegations of force majeure based on accidents, lack of supply and service interruptions

**Financial services company** — lead associate defending company from claims arising under the securities laws, the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and the common law stemming from failure of investment fund during the recession

**Regional waste collection company** — lead associate defending client in resolving shareholder claims that the company's president had breached his fiduciary duties and that the corporation should be dissolved

**Large hospital** — assisting with defense in a certificate of need challenge where a union asked the Department of Health to impose price controls as a condition of expansion; case was dismissed by the trial court, and the union ultimately dropped the appeal

**Alternative energy startup corporation** — assisting directors and officers resolve several investor lawsuits alleging violations of securities laws and breaches of fiduciary duty

**Large pharmaceutical company** — helping defend company against a shareholder class action alleging breaches of fiduciary duty in connection with a proposed merger

**Board of Directors of a publicly traded corporation** — internal investigation into allegations of accounting improprieties

*International industrial corporation* — assisting client in a Federal Grand Jury investigation of alleged violations of the Clean Water Act at a local facility

**Regional bank** — assisting with a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena seeking information about a customer's alleged ponzi scheme

**Now-defunct wood treatment company and current land owners** — successfully recovering funds from a railroad company to remediate contaminated property on the Puget Sound

**Owner of a Montana mine** — helping defend client against a government enforcement action brought under CERCLA

**Group of small cities** — assisting with a successful challenge to the Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology

**Dairy industry group** — assisting group with a successful challenge to the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permit issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology

# **Publications and Speeches**

"Red Deer: Another Look at Judicial Reluctance to Terminate Leases," *The Advocate, State Bar Litigation Section Report*, Winter 2018.

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### **Education**

Duke University School of Law, J.D. 2004

Seattle Pacific University, Bachelor of Arts 2000

## **Noteworthy**

Thomson Reuters, Washington Law & Politics, Rising Star, 2009 - 2010

Seattle Pacific University, Demaray Scholar

#### **Affiliations**

American Bar Association

Washington State Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Montgomery County Food Bank, Secretary, 2023

#### **Bar Admissions**

Texas Washington

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