

# Rick A. Curry



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## education

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (J.D., 1977)

- *Law Review*

Louisiana State University (B.A., 1973)

## admissions

Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
Education

## honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell™* AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *The Best Lawyers in America®* (Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Environmental), 2010–2023

I went into law because I wanted to help resolve contentious problems and find ways to get justice for clients. To do that, I take a hands-on approach, zeroing in on my clients' particular concerns and quickly identifying the right strategy to achieve the best outcomes possible in their matters, which are often complex, high-stakes cases. Because I have decades of experience and have handled a wide array of matters, I'm able to conduct research and find answers efficiently – always respecting my clients' budgetary constraints.

Richard "Rick" A. Curry focuses his practice on environmental regulatory matters as well as commercial litigation that often contains an environmental component. Rick represents clients in trial and appellate courts in litigation involving oil and gas contracts, toxic torts, Superfund issues, and a wide variety of other disputes. In addition, he advocates for companies in

- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* (Civil Litigation: Defense; Environmental Litigation), 2011–2016

## affiliations

### Professional

- American Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association

environmental permitting and enforcement actions before state regulatory authorities.

Over the last decade, Rick has handled a great deal of environmental-related legacy law suits, which are unique to Louisiana. In these cases, in which oil and gas companies have drilled and managed wells for years, landowners file claims over historical damage to the property and groundwater after the companies shut down operations. Some of the cases are massive, involving dozens of oil and gas enterprises. Rick foresees a potential new generation of this type of litigation, which will likely involve fracking activities.

In a series of complex cases, Rick represented the State of Louisiana, which sued several big oil companies in the wake of allegations involving a reimbursement fund. He enjoyed the collegiality of that experience, where both sides were working towards resolution and closure.

Rick cultivates and maintains an extensive network of relationships within both the public and private sectors across Louisiana and the Southeast, which enhances his ability to serve clients and assist his colleagues.