

# AZA's Tim Shelby Appointed to Texas State Bar's Oil & Gas Jury Charges Committee

Tim Shelby, a partner in **Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing P.C.**, or AZA, was appointed to a three-year term on the State Bar of Texas' Oil & Gas Pattern Jury Charges Committee.

The committee updates and revises the way the law is typically presented to juries in Texas trials and members must be up-to-date on their knowledge of oil and gas law. The issues the committee researches and explains include trespass, adverse possession, lessor-lessee matters, contracts between working interest owners, defenses, and damages. The panel's guidance is published in a book also used by energy lawyers in non-jury cases.

"This is a great opportunity. This committee works hard to ensure that participants in the oil and gas industry get proper jury questions, including updated questions necessitated by new law from Texas courts and the Texas Legislature," Shelby said.

In a release, the firm said Shelby's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, oil and gas litigation, trade secret litigation, and professional liability matters. He has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America for commercial litigation in Texas from 2015-2018. He has appeared on the Texas Super Lawyers list each year since 2014 after being selected for the companion Texas Rising Stars list starting in 2008.