Former UT Law School Associate Dean John Beckworth Joins Jackson Walker

John Beckworth has joined Jackson Walker as of counsel in the firm's Austin office. He is a lecturer and former associate dean at The University of Texas School of Law.

"To welcome an attorney of John's exceptional reputation is a significant accomplishment," managing partner **C. Wade Cooper** said. "He is a prominent voice in energy law and arbitration, having been in private practice for 30 years before joining The University of Texas School of Law. We are fortunate to have him on our team here at Jackson Walker."

"Jackson Walker is a great fit," Beckworth said. "I'm proud to join a firm with such a long track record of leadership in energy law and many areas, and one with a strong presence in Austin and throughout Texas."

Beckworth began his career in 1983 in the Litigation Section of Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston where he was a partner in the law firm before leaving in 1994 to start his own practice. During his time in private practice in Houston, Beckworth handled and tried civil cases and appeals in Texas and across the country, and he continues to serve as an energy and business lawyer and arbitrator, according to a release from the firm.

In 2013, Beckworth left his active law practice in Houston to join The University of Texas School of Law in Austin as Associate Dean for Administration and Strategic Planning and as a lecturer. "John has a tremendous following throughout the Texas legal and business communities – especially in Houston, where he lived and practiced for three decades before moving to Austin," said Houston partner **Alfred M. Meyerson**. "Our

clients will certainly benefit from his extensive experience and vast network of professional contacts.”

In addition to his roles as Associate Dean and lecturer in the Law School, Beckworth has served The University of Texas as a former trustee of the University of Texas Law School Foundation and as president and chairman of the board of the Texas Exes. In 2018 he was elected to become a trustee of the LBJ Foundation.

Beckworth is a longstanding appointed member of the Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee. In 2017, he became a National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Board Leadership Fellow.