Veteran Houston Energy Trial Lawyer Paul Mitchell Joins Hicks Thomas

- Trial lawyer **Paul L. Mitchell** has joined Houston-based litigation boutique **Hicks Thomas LLP**.

Mitchell, who joined the firm July 1 as a partner, has experience with energy clients from the super-majors to smaller independents, the firm said in a news release. He also has experience advising companies involved in government investigations and in navigating issues raised by the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The release continues:

> His move reunites him with longtime friend, Hicks Thomas co-founder John B. Thomas. The two clerked together at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1986-87.
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> "It only took us 30 years," Thomas said. "Paul is a true trial lawyer and we are delighted that he has joined the team. Our clients know that having an attorney who knows how to try a case means they have more strength at the bargaining table."
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> Mitchell has spent the last nine years of his career as a partner in the Litigation Section of Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP. But he got his start at another Texas legal powerhouse, Baker Botts LLP, where he was a partner in the Trial Department.
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> "Hicks Thomas is the ideal spot for me. John is an exceptional lawyer, and over the years, I've even tried cases against other lawyers at the firm. I've seen firsthand the quality of the Hicks Thomas team," Mitchell said. "I'm

excited to be working at a firm that is capable of trying big cases, while remaining very nimble in responding to the evolving needs of our clients.”

Mitchell has prosecuted and defended cases involving oil and gas disputes, copyright litigation, breach of contract, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty. He also has advised companies under regulatory scrutiny.

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