

WESLEY JAMES WILKINSON, P.E. (LA)

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Provides engineering/technical research, litigation support, expert testimony
- Experienced in testifying before both Federal Court and Louisiana State Court
- Expertise in Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) and platform drilling rig design and operation
- Decades of experience in oil & gas industry, including construction, maintenance, regulatory compliance, safety management and emergency planning
- B.S. degree, Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, Texas A&M University at Kingsville, TX
- Registered Professional Engineer – Louisiana
- Member, International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC), American Society of Safety Engineers (ASE)

PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS

Analysis of failures in cranes, ballast control systems, drilling tools, surface-controlled sub-surface safety valves, and life-saving devices. Other investigations have included loss of well control, pipeline damage, deepwater station keeping, jacking system failures, fires, explosions and electrocutions. Personal injury, intellectual property and contract disputes also comprise a significant part of Mr. Wilkinson's consulting practice.

EXPERT WITNESS RECOGNITION

Judge Carl J. Barbier, (New Orleans, LA) March 13 – 15, 2000: recognized by the court as "an expert in drilling and completion."

Judge Durwood Conque, (Abbeville, Vermillion Parish, LA) December 16, 2002: recognized as "an expert in oil and gas exploration and development, with a sub-specialty in the operation of land drilling rigs."

Judge Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, (New Orleans, LA) May 5 – 7, 2003: recognized by the court as "a petroleum engineer experienced in the development and exploration of petroleum."

Judge Richard P. Matsch (Denver), July 7 – 8, 2004: status as an expert stipulated by the court.

EXPERIENCE

Jim Wilkinson & Associates, Inc.

1996 - Present

New Orleans, LA

- Provides consulting engineering services for law firms, insurance companies, contractors and corporate clientele
- Testimony for either defense or plaintiff causes

Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.

1993 - 1996

- Managed and developed consulting resources for marine activities, oil & gas transportation and upstream activities
- Extended geographical marketing and client service area of the organization
- Provided engineering consulting in many recognized engineering disciplines
- Consulting engineering services for law firms, insurance companies, contractors and corporate clientele

Diamond M-ODECO Drilling, Inc.

1992

- Advised on marketing, organization, cost reductions and international operations

ODECO Drilling, Inc.

1990-1992

- Profit and loss responsibility for 40 Mobil Offshore Drilling Units
- Managed domestic and international contract drilling operations on continental shelves of North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia

Ocean Drilling and Exploration Co., Inc

1957 - 1990

- Supervised staff and operations of 42 mobile drilling units, which included submersible, jack-up, ship shape and semi-submersible MODUs
- Extensive experience with dynamically positioned units
- Supervised contract drilling operations located on the continental shelves of nations in North and South America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and in Europe and the North Sea
- Managed major construction and repair projects across the globe
- Supervised development of company-sponsored training courses
- Superintendent of company-operated exploration wells

The California Company (now Chevron Texaco USA)

1955 – 1957

- Drilling engineer: worked in well engineering, well control, lost circulation, casing design, and well completion
- Well-site supervisor: involved with well development and workovers

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Wilkinson managed project teams, which were consistently recognized for being on time and under budget.

Mr. Wilkinson has frequently collaborated with other industry experts in providing litigation support for major law firms on the Gulf Coast and in the international community.