



Blake G. Arata

Blake Arata was a founding member of the Firm. For more than 55 years, he litigated matters involving a great variety of oil and gas disputes and handled the negotiation, drafting, and review of complex contracts involving oil and gas transactions. Blake also conducted extensive title examinations of oil and gas properties, acquiring thereby an intimate familiarity with Louisiana property law.

Blake served as City Attorney for the City of New Orleans from 1970-1975, and was a retired Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He earned both his law degree and his undergraduate degree from Loyola University New Orleans. During law school, he was awarded the Faculty Award for finishing first in his class and as an undergraduate student he was a member of the track team. In 1999, he was inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame.

In Memoriam - Blake Arata

8/15/1931 - 1/23/2017

All of us at Gordon Arata are saddened by the passing of our beloved Blake Arata. Blake dedicated his life to practicing law in the firm he co-founded in 1970 and loved. For over half a century, Blake was renowned as one of the premier oil and gas attorneys in the State of Louisiana. He handled complex oil and gas matters of all kinds, and he was admired equally as a skilled negotiator in the boardroom and as a staunch advocate in the courtroom. Blake also proudly served New Orleans as its City Attorney from 1970-1975 and admirably served his country on active duty in the United States Navy and as lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

Our Firm loved him dearly - we will miss him.
