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Jack Jurgens

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Position: King, Krebs & Jurgens partner

Age: 60

Family: wife, Linda; son, Jack, daughter, Lilah, stepson, Richard Romano

Education: bachelor of science in business administration, juris doctor, Louisiana State University

Jack Jurgens has helped build a successful legal team specializing in oil and gas litigation, but the time he's spent outside the courtroom has contributed to his accomplishments.

Jurgens points to his mentor, Guy Lyman, who he became acquainted with while attending social events at Lyman's home years ago. Jurgens' admiration of the Garden District house eventually led to him buying it and moving his family there.

Often, relationships cultivated away from the office help lawyers succeed inside it, Jurgens said.

"Guy Lyman was a wonderful mentor," he said. "He taught me all the things you don't learn in law school, which is pretty much everything."

Jurgens tries to bring that same mentality into the King, Krebs and Jurgens law firm, which employs 35 attorneys.

"We're not nine-to-five lawyers," Jurgens said. "We do what it takes to represent the client completely."

"Winston Churchill once said, 'Doing your best is not enough; it's doing what's necessary.'"

Jurgens said his team is able to combine the aspects of large and small firms, taking on big projects but remaining small enough so that clients don't get bounced from one lawyer to another.

Jurgens' litigation practice has resulted in more than 25 favorable published opinions rendered by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Highlights include successfully representing a national oil company in the recovery of a non-operating partners' share of plug and abandonment expenses, and successfully representing national oil companies and contractors in litigation emanating from an oil and gas well blow-out.

As a landowner in Louisiana, Jurgens said oil and natural resources also have a big impact on his family and property. The fact that these cases permeate his life as well as his profession contributes to his expertise in the industry.

— Sam Tabachnik

