Dr. ROBERT A DURHAM, PhD, FIEEE

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Robert A Durham is the Principal of D^2 Tech Solutions, a technology related firm concentrating on Mechanical and Electrical systems and energy conversions. He also serves as a Principal Scientist of THEWAY LABs, Tulsa, OK, an engineering and energy consulting firm that provides design and failure analysis of facilities and system installations.

Dr. Durham's work experience is broad and encompasses all areas of the energy industry. Dr. Durham spent 11 years with AEP/CSW, at the time the country's largest utility, in electrical engineering positions in the power generation and transmission planning departments. He then accepted a position as Manager of Electric Infrastructure for New Dominion, LLC., a major independent energy producer in Oklahoma. Dr. Durham then moved on to hold the position of Vice President of Engineering and Project Management for EDG Power Group, an Engineering Procurement and Construction company specializing in design and construction of small to medium size power generating facilities. Dr. Durham left EDG Power Group to accept his current positions. Dr. Durham has been accepted as an expert and offered testimony in several jurisdictions.

Dr. Durham's extensive client list includes the development of a broad spectrum of forensic, electrical and facilities projects for many companies. He has also taught University offered courses in electrical engineering review for board licensure. He has published five books, six magazine articles and over 40 other technical papers and articles. Dr. Durham's extensive work on standards and electrical systems has resulted in his elevation to Fellow of the IEEE, the highest grade of recognition in the electrical technology industry.

Dr. Durham received the B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Tulsa in 1992 and the M.E. in Technology Management from The University of Tulsa in 1997. Tulsa, OK. In 2004, Dr. Durham received a PhD in Engineering Management from Kennedy Western University.

Degrees Earned

BSEE, with Honors, The University of Tulsa
Master of Engineering, The University of Tulsa
PhD , Kennedy Western University

Area of Specialization

lightning & grounding
failure analysis & forensic engineering
electrical power systems & safety
economics & management
petroleum & chemical industry
- drilling
- completion
- production
- transportation
- refining

electrical / mechanical energy conversion

Registration

Professional Engineer - Oklahoma
Professional Engineer – Texas
Professional Engineer – California
Professional Engineer – New Hampshire (Inactive)
Professional Engineer – Kansas
Professional Engineer – North Carolina (Inactive)
Professional Engineer – Missouri
Professional Engineer – Arkansas
Professional Engineer – Virginia (Inactive)
Professional Engineer – Illinois (Inactive)
Electrical Contractor - Oklahoma

Work History

D^2 Tech Solutions, Inc. 2002 - 2022
Principal

THEWAY Corp. 2004 - 2022
Principal Scientist

EDG Power Group, Inc. 2002 - 2004
Vice President Engineering & Project Management

New Dominion, LLC 2000 - 2002
Mgr Electric Infrastructure

Central & Southwest, Inc 1989 - 2000
Electrical Engineer

Professional Memberships

Fellow	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
Diplomate	American College of Forensic Examiners, International
Member	National Association of Fire Investigators
Voting Member	National Fire Protection Institute, Electrical Section
Executive Member	Petroleum and Chemical Industry Committee, IEEE
Diplomate, Past Board Member	American Board of Forensic Engineering and Technology
Member	IEEE Standards Association
Past Chair	Production Subcommittee, IEEE IAS/PCIC
CFC	American College of Forensic Examiners
Member	International Association of Arson Investigators
CFEI, CVFEI	National Association of Fire Investigators
Past Chair	Tulsa Section IEEE
Chair	IEEE RP1017.1 Working Group
Chair	IEEE RP1017.2 Working Group
Chair	IEEE RP1017.3 Working Group
Chair	IEEE RP1017.4 Working Group
Past Chair	IEEE PCIC Standards Subcommittee
Secretary	IEEE Petroleum and Chemical Industry Committee

Honors and Awards

Fellow of the IEEE

For contributions to submersible electrical equipment analysis and multi-point ground method in hazardous petroleum and chemical environments.

Honor Societies

Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honors
Eta Kappa Nu, national electrical engineering honors

Dr. Durham's publications have often successfully competed for outstanding paper awards from journals of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (PCIC and IAS). This is an international competitive peer review and evaluation of papers that provide a significant contribution to the advancement and understanding of electrical applications.

IEEE Industry Applications Society, New Orleans, LA: Prize Article for "Data Quality and Grounding: Considerations in a Mixed Use Facility"

PCIC, Cincinnati, OK: Prize Paper for "Grounding and Bonding Conductors: Solid, Stranded, Bare or Insulated"

PCIC, New Orleans, LA: Prize paper for "Industrial Design Application for Power Distribution over Extra-Long Distances"

PCIC, Philadelphia, PA: Prize paper for "Paradigm Shifts and Impact on Engineers and Industry"

Transactions on Industry Applications, Orlando, FL: Prize Paper for "Lightning, Grounding, and Protection for Control Systems".

PCIC, Denver, CO: Prize Paper for "Grounding System Design for Isolated Locations and Plant Systems"

PCIC, St. Louis, MO: First place for "Lightning, Grounding, and Protection for Distributed Control and Communications Systems: A Retrofit".

Publications

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Electrical Failure Analysis for Fire and Incident Investigations, Marcus O. Durham, Robert A. Durham, Rosemary Durham, Jason Coffin, ISBN 978-1463773472, 2011

Leadership and Success in Relationships and Communication, Marcus O. Durham and Robert A Durham, ISBN 978-1463758769, 2011

Leadership and Success in Organizations, Culture & Ethics: Group or Horizontal Interactions, Marcus O. Durham and Robert A Durham, ISBN 978-1466250338, 2011

Leadership and Success in Economics, Law & Technology: Society or External Influence, Marcus O. Durham and Robert A Durham, OK,ISBN 978-1466250461, 2011

How Should Generating Asset Acquisitions by Regulated, Vertically Integrated Utilities be Overseen in Today's Quasi-Regulated Electric Utility Environment? A Dissertation Presented to the Faculty of the School of Engineering Kennedy-Western University, KWU Press, Thousand Oaks, CA, 2004

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R. A. Durham, M. O. Durham and T. W. Gillaspie, "Lightning Protection at Petrochemical Facilities - Part 2 Standards Requirements," *2021 IEEE Petroleum and Chemical Industry Committee Conference (PCIC)*, San Antonio, TX, 2021.

R. A. Durham, M. O. Durham and T. W. Gillaspie, "Petrochemical Facility Lightning Protection Primer: Part 1: History and Basic Science," in IEEE Industry Applications Magazine, vol. 27, no. 2, pp. 47-56, March-April 2021, doi: 10.1109/MIAS.2020.3024492.

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F. P. Feletto, R. Durham, E. Bortoni and J. Costa, "IMPROVENT OF MV CASCADED H BRIDGE INVERTER (CHBI) VFD AVAILABILITY FOR HIGH POWER ESP OIL WELLS," in *IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications*.
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Robert A Durham, PhD, PE
Expert Witness
Previous Four Years from January 29, 2025

Attorney	Case	Location	Issue	
Osha Bergman	IPR 2024-0300	USPTO	Intellectual Property	Depo
Moody Law	Bradley v. Norfolk Southern Railway	Eastern District, TN	Injury	Depo
Baker Botts	IPR 2023-01236 IPR 2023-01237 IPR 2023-01238	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Osha Bergman	IPR 2024-0300	USPTO	Intellectual Property	Depo
Baker Botts	IPR 2023-01236 IPR 2023-01237 IPR 2023-01238	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Baker Botts	PGR2023-00023	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Carr & Carr	Bales v. Amp Electric et al	Delaware County, OK	Fire	Depo
Denton Law	Robbins v. Madewell	Mayes County, OK	Fire / injury	Trial
Baker Botts	IPR 2023-00558	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Haynes Boone	Nabors v. Helmerich & Payne et al	Northern District, TX	Intellectual Property	Trial
McDermott Will & Emery LLP	Halliburton V. U.S. Well Services	Western District, TX	Intellectual Property	Trial
Jones, Oten & Jewell	Davis v. Tapp	Garfield County, OK	Fire / Injury	Trial
Haynes & Boone	Nabors Driling v. Helmerich & Payne et al	Northern District, TX	Intellectual Property	Depo
Mattingly Law	Fulton v. Aviagen et al	Muskogee County, OK	Building Codes	Trial
Baker Botts	US Well Services v. Halliburton	Western District, TX	Intellectual Property	Depo
Kelly, Morgan	Montanez v. Deepwell Energy Svcs	Ector County, TX	Flash Fire / Injury	Depo
Baker Botts	IPR 2021-01316	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Baker Botts	IPR 2021-01238	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo

Baker Botts	IPR 2021-01315	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Baker Botts	IPR 2021-01065	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Clancy & Thompson	Borth v. Phillips & Sons Trucking et al	Canadian County, OK	Injury	Depo
Baker Botts	IPR 2021-01034	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
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Baker Botts	IPR 2021-01032	USPTO PTAB	Intellectual Property	Depo
Stephen Jones	Davis v. Tapp	Garfield County	Fire / Injury	Depo
Kelly, Morgan	Calvillo v. On Point	Travis County, TX	Flash Fire / Injury	Depo
Hartline Barger	Ramirez v. Home Depot	Southern District, TX	Electrical Failure / Fire	Depo
Mcafee & Taft	Hale v. Southeast Colorado Power Association	Baca County, CO	Electrical Failure / Fire	Depo