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Brian Bagley brings more than 15 years of experience representing companies and individuals in complex commercial litigation matters. He has successfully tried cases in state and federal court in addition to advocating for clients during arbitration.

Brian focuses his practice on commercial litigation, energy, employment litigation, products liability, and intellectual property litigation. His work encompasses numerous sectors, including energy, automotive, entertainment, banking, real estate, hospitality, and manufacturing.

Brian's articles have appeared in multiple industry publications, including *Law360*, *Texas Lawyer*, *Practical Law*, *St. Mary's Law Journal*, and *Penn State International Law Review*. Courts throughout the nation have cited to his pieces. In addition, he has served as co-editor of *Texas Association of Defense Counsel's* "Insurance Law Update" from 2012-2016.

Notable Work

Automotive/Products Liability: Represented an exotic car manufacturer in the defense of product liability, breach of warranty, and deceptive trade practices claims. Obtained total defense verdict at jury trial.

Commercial Litigation: Represented an industry-leading electrical equipment manufacturer in a suit involving the fraudulent re-selling of electrical system components. Awarded substantial fraud verdict at jury trial.

Commercial Litigation: Represented one of the country's largest independent record producers against one of its distributors in obtaining a favorable settlement during a jury trial in a case involving breach of contract and fraud claims.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Commercial Disputes
Employment Litigation
Energy and Infrastructure
Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Intellectual Property Litigation
Product Liability and Mass Torts
Trademarks
Oil & Gas: Downstream and Petrochemical
Oil & Gas: Environmental
Oil & Gas: Midstream
Oil & Gas: Upstream

Education

J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 2005, *cum laude*, Phi Delta Phi, St. Mary's Law Journal, Comment Editor
B.A., Baylor University, History, 2001

Admissions

Bars

Texas

Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Related Content

Akerman Partners Named 2025 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Energy Lawyers
March 10, 2025

Brian Bagley, Alexandra Ledyard Provide Update on Permian Highway Pipeline Project in *Energy Law*

Energy: Represents large power development/supply company in all aspects of commercial litigation in state and federal court, and in arbitration.

Energy: Represents oil and gas operator in multiple disputes with co-operators and mineral owners regarding royalty issues.

Employment Litigation: Represented a prominent public relations boutique in an employment dispute, and secured a complete dismissal.

Energy: Represented a pipeline company in a multi-million dollar litigation with a contractor, and obtained a favorable settlement.

Energy/Products Liability: Represented a tank switch manufacturer in international litigation stemming from one of the largest-ever oil and gas explosions in the United Kingdom, and achieved a favorable settlement.

Intellectual Property Litigation – Patent Infringement: Represented a regional grocery store chain in patent infringement litigation involving reward-tracking technology, and secured a favorable outcome post-Markman.

Commercial Litigation: Represented one of the nation's largest manufacturers of commercial rock crushers in a significant fraud matter and secured full dismissal.

Intellectual Property Litigation – Patent Infringement: Represented a former internet search engine's bondholders in multiple, multibillion dollar intellectual property disputes throughout the country involving software development and cable companies.

Intellectual Property Litigation: Represented a global passenger airline in a multi-defendant patent infringement matter involving seat selection technology.

Intellectual Property Litigation – Service Marks: Represented client in obtaining registration for the disputed service mark of an internationally recognized South American band.

Intellectual Property Litigation – Patent Infringement: Represented a medical device patentee against a large medical device manufacturer in a lengthy patent infringement action.

Prior Professional Experience

- Chambers for the Honorable Edward C. Prado, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Intern, 2003
- Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Company, Offshore, Gulf of Mexico

Community Involvement

- Advisory Board of the Institute for Energy Law, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation's Nominating Committee, Member
- Houston Young Lawyers' Legal Lines Program
- Houston Bar Association's Lawyers for Literacy Committee, Former Member
- Houston Bar Association's Law and the Media Committee, Former Member
- United Way, Houston Chapter

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July 02, 2019

- International Justice Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Joe Niekro Foundation, Board Member

Published Work and Lectures

- The Center for American and International Law, *Energy Law Advisor*, Co-Author, “Update and Commentary on Recent Developments Concerning the Permian Highway Pipeline Project,” May 2020
- Thomson Reuters *Practical Law*, Co-Author, “Petition to Appoint an Arbitrator in Texas State Court,” September 2019
- Thomson Reuters *Practical Law*, Co-Author, “Compelling and Staying Arbitration in Texas,” 2017
- *Law360*, Co-Author, “Preparing Corporate Witnesses: A Primer,” August 2016 (No. 1 “Most Read Expert Analyses” – week ending August 5, 2016)
- *Texas Association of Defense Counsel*, Co-Editor, “Insurance Law Update,” 2012-2016
- *Texas Lawyer*, Co-Author, “Recent Texas Energy Law in 5 Minutes or Less,” September 2015
- Brian Bagley Quoted in *The Texas Lawbook*, “Beirne Maynard Scores Victory in Maserati Missing Miles Trial,” December 8, 2015
- *Practical Law*, Co-Author, “Enforcing Arbitration Awards in Texas,” June 2015
- *Practical Law*, Co-Author, “Statutes of Limitation: State Q & A Tool,” February 2015
- *Texas Lawyer*, Co-Author, “Mexico Has Vast Oil and Gas Reserves - So Why Is It Talking About Importing Oil from Others?,” December 2014
- Brian Bagley Quoted in *Law360*, “Fed. Circ. Revives Web Conference IP Suit Against Microsoft,” November 5, 2014
- *Texas Association of Defense Counsel*, Contributing Author, “Insurance Law Update,” 2005 - 2012
- *St. Mary’s Law Journal*, “The Seat Belt Defense in Texas,” Vol. 35, No. 3, 2004 (cited by the Texas Supreme Court in *Nabors Well Services, Ltd. v. Romero*, 456 S.W.3d 553 (Tex. 2015); cited by the Colorado Supreme Court in *Pringle v. Valdez*, 171 P.3d 624 (Colo. 2007))
- 24 *Penn St. Int’l L. Rev.* 157, Co-Author, “Fighting Epidemics with Information and Laws: The Case of SARS in China” (A Review of Chinese Law on SARS by Chenglin Liu, W.S. Hein & Co. 2004), 2005

Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- International Lawyers Network
- Defense Research Institute

Honors and Distinctions

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- *Lawdragon*, 2025, Listed as a “Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyer”

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine 2014-2019, Listed in Texas as a “Rising Star” for Intellectual Property Litigation
- John M. Harlan Society