

# John Adams

## Partner

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John Adams is a trial partner in the Dallas office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. John has significant experience in all phases of litigation, from pre-suit strategy to trials and appeals. His experience spans numerous industries, including oil and gas, real estate, and technology. For example, he has successfully litigated cases involving asset purchase agreements; partnership disputes; executive compensation; trade secrets; non-compete agreements; natural gas gathering agreements; mineral leases; receiverships; securities; and class actions.

John is recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for his work in Commercial Litigation from 2021-2024, and is named in *D Magazine's* 2023 Best Lawyers Under 40 list. Before joining Gibson, Dunn Crutcher, John worked at a *Chambers*-ranked litigation boutique in Dallas, served as a law clerk for the United States District Court in the Western District of Texas, and worked for the preeminent legal writer, Bryan Garner.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented a Dallas real-estate developer in a two-week jury trial based on claims of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and civil theft in a closely held partnership where the client's partner mismanaged the business and failed to account for millions in profits. Top Verdict 2019.
- Represented a national manufacturing and sales organization in a two-week jury trial based on claims of misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty when former employees joined a competing business and unlawfully diverted the client's customers to the competitor.
- Represented nationally recognized real-estate developers in bench trial based on claims for breach of contract arising out of guaranty agreements for a multi-million dollar hotel development project on Lake Tahoe.
- Represented a national pipeline company in a preliminary injunction after it invested over \$100 million to develop a gathering system and an upstream natural gas producer threatened to violate a dedicated "area of mutual interest."
- Represented a national pipeline company in a temporary restraining order when an upstream natural gas producer threatened to divert approximately \$1 billion of natural gas to a competing pipeline.
- Represented an international distribution company in a temporary injunction when a former joint-venture partner solicited customers, while defending against claims of trademark infringement.
- Represented a national manufacturing and sales organization in a temporary restraining order when a former employee breached his contract by joining a competing company and threatened to disclose trade secrets.



### Capabilities

Trials  
Class Actions  
Labor and Employment  
Securities Litigation

### Credentials

#### Education

SMU Dedman School of Law - 2015 Juris Doctor  
University of Southern California - 2010 Bachelor of Arts

#### Admissions

Texas Bar

#### Clerkships

USDC, Western District of Texas, Hon. Alia Moses, 2015 - 2016

## PUBLICATIONS:

- Give the Jury What it Wants--Decision Making in Trial Practice, *ABA Litigation Journal*
- How to tell Your Story at Trial, *Dallas Bar Journal*
- Tips for a Better Direct Examination, *Dallas Bar Journal*
- Protecting Information Provided to the Government, *ABA Corporate Counsel Journal*
- Well Established but Often Forgotten: Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claims Against Employees, *ABA Business Torts & Unfair Competition*
- Goldilocks and the Three Outcomes: Civil En Banc Review in the Dallas Court of Appeals, 2001-18, *Appellate Advocate*
- Recent Decisions on Arbitration, *News for the Bar, Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas*
- Will the 2018 Judicial Elections Breathe New Life into Factual Sufficiency Review?, *Texas Law Book*
- A synopsis of Error Preservation, *Dallas Bar Journal*

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