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Ben Betner is a Chambers-ranked trial lawyer with a broad commercial litigation practice, representing clients in high-stakes, complex business disputes. He has appeared in state and federal courts across the country and has handled matters spanning energy, technology, privacy, and financial services. Ben also has deep experience in Texas courts and has represented clients before many of the world's leading international arbitral institutions.

Clients quoted in *Chambers USA* describe him as a "smart litigator." He has also been named to the *Texas Rising Stars* list by *Super Lawyers*.

Representative Matters

- **Energy Transfer LP & Dakota Access LLC v. Greenpeace** – Trial counsel in a landmark defamation and trespass case resulting in a \$667 million jury verdict, the largest in North Dakota history. The American Lawyer recognized the team with its "Litigator of the Week" honors (March 2025).
- **United States Automobile Association** – Representing USAA in a putative class action involving breach of contract and consumer fraud claims concerning insurance practices across multiple states.
- **Mesquite Energy, Inc.** – Representing the reorganized debtor in contested proceedings stemming from the Sanchez Energy Corporation bankruptcy.
- **Meta Platforms, Inc.** – Member of the trial team in a \$300 billion suit brought by the Texas Attorney General, alleging unauthorized use of Texans' biometric data in violation of state privacy laws.

Before practicing law, Ben served in the US Army and worked in Military Intelligence. He deployed several times with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command to Afghanistan and Iraq.

He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a member of the Houston Bar Association. He also maintains an active pro bono practice, representing veterans before Military Review Boards on discharge upgrades and disability-related claims.

Ben earned his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law, where he was a Brumley Fellow in National Security Law and served as Deputy Managing Editor of the *Texas Review of Law and Politics*. He holds a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Baylor University.



Capabilities

Litigation
Class Actions
Energy Regulation and Litigation
Energy and Infrastructure
Fintech and Digital Assets
International Arbitration
Oil and Gas
Real Estate Disputes
Technology Litigation
Trials

Credentials

Education

University of Texas - 2017 Juris Doctor
Baylor University - 2014 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar