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Ben Betner is a 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 for both Plaintiffs and Defendants. Ben also has deep experience in Texas courts and has represented clients before many of the world's leading international arbitral institutions.

Ben has consistently been ranked by *Chambers USA* for General Commercial Litigation. Clients quoted in *Chambers* describe him as a "smart litigator" and "a strong communicator," praising his responsiveness, his willingness to go above and beyond what is asked, and his ability to make complex issues easy for clients to understand. He has also been named to the Texas Rising Stars list by *Super Lawyers*, the 2025 *Lawdragon 500 X* - The Next Generation, and was *AmLaw's* "Litigator of the Week" after a twelve-day jury trial in Phoenix that led to a $296 million verdict.?

Representative Matters

- ***Gray Development and Gray Services v. ZOM Holdings Inc.*** – Trial counsel in a twelve-day jury trial in Phoenix, winning a $296 million verdict for Arizona developers Gray Development and Gray Services. The case involved ZOM's misuse of Gray's proprietary development plans and breach of non-circumvention and non-disclosure agreements. Recognized by the *American Lawyer* as “Litigator of the Week.”
- ***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.
- **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.
- **Meta Platforms, Inc.** – Represented Meta in several matters related to privacy, biometrics, and Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.

Before practicing law, Ben served in the U.S. 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

Capabilities

Litigation

Class Actions

Privacy, Cybersecurity, and Data Innovation

Technology Litigation

Trials

Credentials

Education

University of Texas - 2017 Juris Doctor

Baylor University - 2014 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar

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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.

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