

Tyler E. Ames

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Tyler Ames is a civil litigator whose practice focuses on representing clients in a broad range of commercial and complex business disputes. His practice includes the representation of energy industry clients in a broad range of oil and gas litigation, the defense of manufacturers and distributors in products liability litigation, the representation of clients in securities litigation, and the defense of insurance companies in claims and coverage disputes, as well as claims of bad faith.

Tyler graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science from Oklahoma State University in 2015 and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from The University of Texas School of Law in 2019. While in law school, he was a member of the *Texas Law Review* and *The Review of Litigation*, served as moot court director for the Board of Advocates, and represented clients as a student attorney in both the Supreme Court Clinic and the Children's Rights Clinic. He also worked as an intern for the Honorable Jan Soifer of the 345th Civil District Court in Travis County, Texas.

Prior to joining McAfee & Taft in 2021, the Oklahoma native worked as a litigation associate in the Houston office of Norton Rose Fulbright, where he focused his practice on complex commercial litigation.

Representative Experience

- Negotiated a favorable settlement on behalf of a major oil and gas company in a \$150 million fraud and breach of contract action brought by purchasers of the company's petrochemical complex.
- Defended a minerals acquisition company in an arbitration hearing before the American Arbitration Association, in which a FINRA-registered broker-dealer brought breach of contract and *quantum meruit* claims.
- Negotiated a favorable settlement on behalf of a medical billing and collections company in a case brought by a cardiovascular hospital in which the hospital alleged breach of contract.

Admissions

Texas, 2019

Oklahoma, 2022

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Courts for the Western, Northern and Eastern District of Oklahoma

Education

J.D., The University of Texas, 2019
Texas Law Review; *The Review of Litigation*; Moot Court Director, Board of Advocates; Pro Bono Certificate

B.S. (Political Science), *summa cum laude*, Oklahoma State University, 2015
Phi Kappa Phi; A.R. Larason President's Distinguished Scholar; Pi Sigma Alpha

Professional Organizations and Memberships

State Bar of Texas

- Defended a third-party oilfield tubular service and accessory provider in a products liability action brought after a blowout at an oil well operated by the plaintiffs.
- Represented a major bank in a pre-foreclosure action, including drafting the petition and coordinating the valuation of the property at issue.
- Tried a three-week bench trial in a *pro bono* matter with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, in which plaintiffs challenged Waller County, Texas's election practices. The case is still pending in the Southern District of Texas.