

Matthew T. Crook

Of Counsel

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Tulsa



Overview

Matt Crook's practice is primarily focused on commercial and business litigation, with an emphasis on the resolution of disputes involving the construction industry, including creditors' rights, commercial debt collections, workouts, bankruptcy, construction contracts, construction defects, and homeowner claims. His clients include prominent homebuilders, major residential developers, large suppliers of construction materials, and owners of commercial and residential real property.

Matt's work in the areas of creditors' and debtors' rights and bankruptcy litigation is extensive and includes securing and defending preference actions, obtaining collection judgments and assisting with post-judgment collection efforts, enforcing mechanic's and materialmen's liens, representing clients in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, and shielding business owners from personal liability prior to the company obtaining bankruptcy protection.

A certified public accountant since 2003, Matt's career experience also includes representing clients in business and real estate transactions, estate planning, probate and trust litigation, and oil and gas transactions and litigation.

Upon earning his undergraduate degree in accounting and finance from the University of Oklahoma in 1997, the Tulsa native worked as a business analyst for a Fortune 500 energy company for nearly two years. Since embarking on his legal career in 2002, he has gained valuable, diverse business and legal experience working in private practice, as in-house counsel for a publicly traded natural gas processing company and an oilfield equipment distributor, as a crude oil marketing sales specialist, and as a crude oil marketing purchasing specialist prior to joining McAfee & Taft in 2026.

Representative Experience

- Represented commercial/residential construction and development firm in workout/pre-bankruptcy process and represented principal of firm in avoiding personal liability as a result of guarantees of firm's debt.

Admissions

Oklahoma, 2002

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

Education

J.D., University of Oklahoma, 2002

B.B.A. (Accounting and Finance), with distinction, University of Oklahoma, 1997

Professional Certifications

Certified Public Accountant (Inactive)

- Represented high net worth individual debtor in involuntary Chapter 7 case, in which creditor filed adversary action alleging debtor acted to hinder or defraud creditors.
- Successfully represented major creditor in Chapter 11 case, including securing critical vendor status for client.
- Successfully helped resist bankruptcy trustee's preference action against client in Chapter 11 case.
- Obtained numerous collection judgments on behalf of clients against commercial debtors and assisted clients in post-judgment collection efforts.
- Obtained agreed judgment and successfully secured various interests for royalty interest owners in an oil and gas quiet title action filed by another royalty interest owner.
- Successfully defended commercial and residential clients in construction defect cases.
- Successfully represented mortgagee in mortgage foreclosure case and obtained an agreed judgment pursuant to which client was awarded all damages sought, as well as attorneys' fees and costs.
- Obtained summary judgment and attorney's fee award for homeowner in restrictive covenant dispute.
- Successfully represented clients in trust litigation over control of family trust and closely held corporation owned by trust, securing for clients control over corporation.

Professional Organizations

- Tulsa County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association

Civic Involvement and Leadership

- Metro Christian Academy Foundation (Board of Directors, 2023 – Present; Secretary, 2025 – 2026)
- Alcoholic Beverages Laws Enforcement Commission (Gubernatorial Appointee, 2020 – 2025)
- Crime Prevention Network, Inc. (2016 – 2020)
- OU Club of Tulsa (Secretary, 2010)
- American Heart Association, Tulsa Metro Chapter (Board of Directors, 2004 – 2009)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green Country (Board of Directors, 1998 – 1999)