



John M. "Jake" Krattiger



Jake Krattiger is a Shareholder at GableGotwals and a member of the Firm's Board of Directors, on which he serves as the Vice President of Talent Development. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts, with an emphasis on representing the energy industry and corporate clients. Jake's experience encompasses a wide variety of cases, including disputes over the purchase and sale of surface and mineral interests and oil and gas leases; payment of royalties; the Production Revenue Standards Act; the Surface Damages Act; defense of operators in actions alleging toxic torts, nuisance, and trespass; lease cancellation and quiet title litigation; utility and common carrier pipeline eminent domain matters; water rights disputes; and other complex energy industry issues. In addition, he represents commercial real estate, insurance (life, health, casualty, and trade credit), construction, utility, aerospace, and general business clients in a broad range of complex and high-stakes litigation matters. A significant portion of Jake's practice also involves guiding his clients through favorable pre-trial resolution of high-stakes litigation.

Jake serves on the Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association's Oklahoma City Chapter, the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma County Bar Association, is a member and past Treasurer for the Litigation Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and is the past Chair of the Lawyers for Learning Committee at the Oklahoma County Bar Association.

He is also active in the community at large where he is a member of the Board of Visitors for the University of Oklahoma College of Law, a Rotary Club of Oklahoma City (Club 29) member serving on the Board of the Club 29 Foundation, as the Chair of the Legal Committee and Domestic Service Committee, a member and former Director of the Downtown Club of Oklahoma City, a Leadership Oklahoma City's LOYAL Class IX graduate serving as an officer on the Board of Directors for the program's alumni association, and an Oklahoma Lawyers for Children volunteer.

Representative Experience:

- **Victory for Oil and Gas Operator at the Oklahoma Supreme Court**

Obtained an Opinion from the Oklahoma Supreme Court affirming denial of a motion for temporary injunction in a matter filed pursuant to the Oklahoma Surface Damages Act on behalf of an oil and gas operator.

- **Defeated Injunction Sought Against Midstream Company**

Successfully defeated a request for a permanent injunction by a property owner that would have prohibited construction of a significant pipeline replacement project through the Oklahoma City metro area.

- **Summary Judgment for Telecom Company**

In a "bet the company" litigation, obtained summary judgment for a telecom company in a matter arising out of a dispute over the purchase and sale of a subsidiary and allegations of improper competition and solicitation.

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SERVICES

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- Banking and Finance
- Commercial
- Construction
- E-Discovery
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Environmental
- Insurance
- Litigation (State & Federal)
- Real Estate
- Water

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law
Order of the Coif
Executive Articles Editor of the *Oklahoma Law Review*
Comfort Scholar
- B.A. *summa cum laude* in Political Science,
University of Oklahoma
Phi Beta Kappa

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Western, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Western Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court of Colorado

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Mineral Lawyers Society of Oklahoma City
- Federal Bar Association OKC Chapter
- American Inn of Court - Luther Bohanon
- Oklahoma Association of Defense Counsel

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Representative Experience:

- **Summary Judgment for Operator**

Obtained dismissal by Oklahoma Corporation Commission and summary judgment from district court for large operator defending leaseholder claims that historic drilling equipment testing facility interfered with lease rights and impacted surface and waters of the State.

- **Obtained Partial Summary Judgment and Favorable Pre-Trial Settlement for Subcontractor**

After winning partial summary judgment, obtained favorable pre-trial settlement in federal matter Involving contractual dispute between subcontractor and general contractor on state highway project

- **Summary Judgment for Recreational Vehicle Company**

Obtained summary judgment in a matter claiming negligence and breach of warranty arising out of repairs to luxury recreational vehicle.

- **Surface Damages**

Represents numerous operators to obtain favorable settlements and appraisers awards of surface damages pursuant to the procedure under the Oklahoma Surface Damages Act.

- **Jury Trial Victory for Landlord**

Represented a residential landlord in premises liability action arising out of fire, resulting in defense verdict on all claims and award of attorney fees and costs.

- **Judgment for Commercial Landlord**

Successfully excluded numerous expert witnesses and obtained dismissal for discovery misconduct in action alleging more than \$20 million in damages arising out of conveyance of commercial apartment complex.

- **Defended Fuel Transportation Company Against Injunction**

Successful in challenging request for preliminary injunction by federal district court in Oklahoma City which would have had effect of preventing client from conducting further business in fuel transportation industry. Ultimately reached favorable settlement allowing client's business to continue.

- **Obtained Permanent Injunction on Summary Judgment**

Obtained permanent injunction from federal district court in Tulsa preventing landowner interference with Fortune 500 oil and gas pipeline company's operations on surface easement.

- **Jury Trial Victory for Small Business**

In complicated nuisance and environmental trespass action, represented an automobile dealer in action tried to state court jury where the client obtained defense verdict on all claims, including recovery of attorney fees and costs.

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Benchmark Litigation**, 2022 - 2026
Oklahoma, 40 & Under List - South
Commercial, Energy
- **Best Lawyers in America**, 2022 - 2026
Commercial Litigation
Oil and Gas Law
- **Super Lawyers**, 2015-2025
Rising Star
Business Litigation, Energy & Natural
Resources
- **Journal Record**
Achievers Under 40 – 2020
- **iON Oklahoma**
30 Under 30 for 2014
- **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Oklahoma**, 2024
Visionary of the Year

Reported Decisions:

- Chaparral Energy LLC v. Tenn-Tex Partners LLC, CIV-21-01020-JD, 2024 WL 3543455 (W.D. Okla. July 25, 2024)
- Aeronautical Title & Escrow Serv., LLC v. Shenzhen Zhongtian Hengye, Int'l Trade Co., Ltd., CIV-23-756-SLP, 2023 WL 7196149 (W.D. Okla. Nov. 1, 2023)
- Res., LLC v. Annecy, LLC, 2020 OK 97, 477 P.3d 1133
- Blocker v. ConocoPhillips Co., 380 F. Supp. 3d 1178 (W.D. Okla. 2019)
- Oklahoma Indep. Petroleum Ass'n v. Potts, 2018 OK 24, 414 P.3d 351, as amended (Mar. 21, 2018)
- McDonald v. Thompson, 2018 OK 25, 414 P.3d 367
- ODG-OU, L.L.C. v. Pierce Prop. Mgmt., LLC, No. CV-14-229-L, 2016 WL 11447824 (W.D. Okla. Jan. 19, 2016)
- Musket Corp. v. Strobel Const. Unlimited, Inc., No. CIV-11-880-M, 2012 WL 393683 (W.D. Okla. Feb. 6, 2012)