



John D. Sullivan



John Sullivan is a Shareholder at GableGotwals. He has more than 40 years of litigation experience and has tried many types of cases in state and federal courts throughout the country. He focuses on civil trials and arbitration of cases dealing with complex energy issues, commercial disputes, wrongful death and catastrophic injuries, environmental contamination, and insurance claims and coverage disputes.

Prior to joining the Firm, he served as in-house litigation counsel for more than 25 years at Texaco Inc. and Shell Oil Company. He was involved in a wide range of litigation matters and disputes covering all aspects of the energy business including onshore and offshore exploration and production, pipelines and terminals, refineries and chemical plants, service station and retail operations, lubricants, shipping, and trading.

Representative Experience

- Representing an energy industry service company in insurance coverage litigation related to release of oil emulsion from a crude oil gathering line located in Canada.
- Obtained multi-million judgment as lead trial counsel for a major energy company in a breach of contract action concerning counterparty's failure to pay for seismic survey conducted on client's mineral fee acreage in East Texas.
- Counsel for an energy industry service company in contractual indemnity dispute arising from a well site fatality and related wrongful death action filed in Oklahoma.
- Represented major energy company in obtaining insurance coverage and contractual indemnity to fund multi-million settlement of wrongful death action arising from incident at well location in West Texas.
- Representing a major energy company in litigation filed in East Texas involving claims by landowners that homes, buildings, and other structures were damaged by seismic activity and earthquakes allegedly caused by oil and gas drilling and production operations.
- Counsel for a major energy company in litigation against liability insurers for an oilfield service company related to defective cement job performed on oil and gas well.
- Obtained multi-million judgment as lead trial counsel for major energy company in action against an oil and gas company to recover unpaid royalty, indemnification for settlements, attorneys' fees, and litigation expenses.
- Representing a major energy company in litigation commenced by landowner alleging property damage arising from earthquakes allegedly caused by oil and gas drilling and production activity.
- Counsel for a major energy company and its well control insurer in action against oilfield service company related to well control incident in South Texas.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation (State & Federal)
- Class Actions/Multi-District Litigation
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Insurance
- Environmental

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law
- B.B.A., Finance, University of Oklahoma

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Oklahoma
- Colorado
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. District Courts of the Western, Eastern, and Northern Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Eighth, and Tenth Circuits

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), Certified Arbitrator
- American Arbitration Association Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators
- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of Colorado
- Oklahoma Bar Association

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, 2022, 2024-2027**
Commercial Litigation
- **Best Lawyers in America, 2023-2027**
Commercial Litigation

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- Counsel for a major energy company and its well control insurer in action against oilfield service company related to well control incident in South Texas.
- Represented a major energy company in obtaining a court of appeals decision affirming a judgment of more than \$2 million.

** matter handled prior to joining the firm*