



Lance Leffel



Lance Leffel is a Shareholder at GableGotwals. He has extensive experience counseling and representing both corporate and individual clients in a wide range of industries including insurance, health care, banks, small businesses, and construction. Lance has successfully handled numerous jury trials and appeals in addition to pre-trial settlements. As a litigator, he represents individual and commercial clients in state, federal and appellate courts. His approach is to seek common sense solutions to business, professional, and personal disputes.

Lance regularly defends insurers against allegations of bad faith claims handling and institutional bad faith. He handles cases involving a wide range of policies and coverages ranging from homeowners' insurance, uninsured motorist coverage, commercial coverage to med-pay or no-fault medical coverage. He provides claims assistance and coverage opinions to insurers on both personal and commercial policies. Lance frequently provides in-house claims training for insurance adjusters on good claims practices and ethics.

Lance also provides expert testimony in insurance litigation on Insurance Industry standards and duties in first party property claims, first party injury claims, UM/UIM claims, third party liability claims, health insurance claims, commercial coverage, and general liability claims. In addition, Lance has served as an attorney fee expert in insurance litigation.

Lance also represents businesses in all types of commercial litigation including contract disputes, construction litigation, warranty claims, antitrust litigation, and business torts. He also provides general business-legal advice and services including entity organization, contract negotiation and dissolution.

Lance is a past president of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel and the International Association of Defense Counsel.

Representative Experience:

- Successfully defended insurer and named adjuster in three-week extra-contractual jury trial in Tulsa County State Court in a suit filed by homeowners following a series of water losses. Plaintiffs sought over \$20 Million in damages and claimed debilitating injury from mold exposure. Obtained post-trial fees and costs for insurer.
- Obtained unanimous defense verdict for physician in pelvic surgery injury case.
- Obtained summary judgment for insurer in extra-contractual case arising from denial of a wind-storm loss. Successfully litigated claim on appeal to Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals and obtained fees and costs for insurer.
- Obtained Declaratory Judgment for insurer in coverage dispute in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

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SERVICES

- Insurance
- Litigation (State & Federal)
- Professional Liability
- Health Care
- Construction

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oklahoma, 2002
- B.S., University of Oklahoma, Degree in Letters, 1998

ADMISSIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, OKC Chapter
- American Inns of Court
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Best Lawyers**, 2013-2026
Commercial Litigation
Construction Law
Insurance Law
Litigation - Insurance
- **Benchmark Litigation**, 2026
Future Star
- **Super Lawyers**, 2013-2025
Top 50 - Oklahoma - 2025
Business Litigation, Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, General Litigation
- **Chambers USA**, 2024-2026
Oklahoma Ranked Individual - Insurance (Band 2)

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Representative Experience:

- Obtained summary judgment for insurer in case pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Case arose from denial of benefits under a life insurance policy.
- Obtained summary judgment for insurer in Federal District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma in case arising from dispute over scope of damage in wind/rain loss, alleged delay in claims handling.
- Obtained Summary Judgment for insurer in Tulsa County State Court case denying coverage to property owner in coverage dispute. Successfully litigated appeals to Court of Civil Appeals and Oklahoma Supreme Court.
- Obtained jury verdict for business partners defrauded in purchase of boat and RV business obtaining seven figure compensatory damage award and punitive damages.
- Obtained jury verdict for home purchasers in case against developer and realtor for failure to disclose material defects in home under the Residential Property Disclosure Act. Obtained an award of attorney's fees for clients.
- Obtained 1.2 Million in liquidated damages through summary judgment in breach of contract action in favor oil field services provider. Obtained seven figure jury verdict in subsequent trial for damages.