

## Justin K. Ratley



### Overview

Shareholder [Houston](#)  
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### Education

J.D. from University of Houston Law Center

- *Houston Journal of International Law*
- Blakely Advocacy Fellow
- Public Interest Fellow

B.S. from Park University *summa cum laude*

### Bar Admissions

Texas

United States District Courts for the Eastern, Northern,  
Southern and Western Districts of Texas

United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western  
Districts of Arkansas

United States District Court for the Western District of  
Oklahoma

### Related Practices

Litigation

- Energy Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- Insurance Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Products Liability

Justin handles a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters, and his primary goal for his clients is to identify and avoid litigation exposure when possible and navigate legal disputes when necessary. He represents publicly- and privately-held companies in both federal and state courts in contract disputes, personal injury, first-party insurance coverage, products liability, intellectual property, business ownership disputes and other complex commercial litigation matters.

Justin spent more than 11 years working as a Special Agent for the U.S. Army and in the U.S. Intelligence Community. Justin's specialized background gives him an edge on opposing parties. His ability to scrutinize complex factual details and find the key evidence has repeatedly changed the tide of litigation.

## Related Industries

Energy  
Health Care  
Insurance  
Technology & Telecommunications

## Achievements

*Thomson Reuters* – Texas Rising Stars (2019-2024)  
*Woodward/White, Inc.* – Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2022-2024); Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, Insurance Law (2022-2024)

## Memberships

American Bar Association  
State Bar of Texas, Insurance Law Section  
Houston Bar Association  
Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce

## Experience

### Products Liability Litigation

Represented a multinational oxygen production company in the successful resolution of a negligence and products liability suit involving more than \$100 MM in alleged damages resulting from the explosion of a chemical plant.

### Energy Litigation + Breach of Contract

Represented a Houston-based energy supply company in obtaining a judgment in excess of \$1 MM against a rig design and manufacturing company for breach of contract.

### Real Estate Litigation + Breach of Contract

Represented the former owner of a large apartment complex in the successful dismissal with prejudice of a \$4 MM breach of contract and misrepresentation case regarding the sale of the property.

### Insurance Coverage + Industrial Litigation

Represented a multinational industrial company in the successful resolution of a contentious multi-million dollar insurance coverage case.

## Insurance + Bad Faith Litigation

Represented numerous insurers, policy holders, third party administrators, loss adjusting firms and adjusters in high-exposure insurance coverage, bad faith and contract litigation.

## Energy + IP Litigation

Represented a large oil and gas services company in the favorable resolution of a complex dispute over the ownership of intellectual property reportedly worth more than \$100 MM.

## Business Ownership + Breach of Contract Litigation

Represented a health care provider in the successful resolution of a shareholder buyout dispute from a large, Houston-based practice.

## Employment Litigation

Represented individuals in cases involving tortious interference claims, non-compete agreements, and unpaid bonuses and commissions.

## Newsroom

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Announces 2024 Equity Shareholder and Shareholder Promotions

**Press Release:** 2024 Texas Super Lawyers® Rising Stars Highlights 16 Munsch Hardt Attorneys

**Press Release:** Fifty-One (51) Munsch Hardt Attorneys Featured in Best Lawyers 'Ones to Watch' 2024 Edition

**Speech:** Enforcing Contractual Risk Shifting as an Additional Insured: The Good, The Bad, The Disastrous

**Press Release:** 2023 Texas Super Lawyers® Rising Stars Recognizes 12 Munsch Hardt Attorneys

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2023 'Best Lawyers in America®,' 'Ones to Watch', and 'Lawyer of the Year'

**Press Release:** Eight Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named as 2022 Texas "Rising Stars" by Super Lawyers®

**Speech:** The Litigation Psychology Podcast – From Law Enforcement to Attorney

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2022 'Best Lawyers in America', 'Ones to Watch' and 'Lawyer of the Year'

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Announces 2021 Promotions to Equity Shareholder and Shareholder

**Press Release:** 6 Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named as 2021 Texas "Rising Stars" by Super Lawyers®

**Article:** 2021 Freeze Relief: Tips for Commercial Property Owners/Interests/Managers and Homeowners

**Press Release:** Eight Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named to Super Lawyers® 2020 Texas "Rising Stars" List

**In The News:** Apartments Seller Wins Toss Of 'Bogus' Overpayment Suit

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Adds Seasoned Investment Management Partner in Dallas, Litigation Associates in Houston

**Article:** Business, Technology and the Law

**Article:** Texas Litigation Since the Plunge in Oil Prices

**Article:** TDI Reports 670,000 Insurance Claims from Hurricane Harvey

**Article:** Businesses Hunt for Coverage for Hurricane Harvey Flooding