

## Ryan M. Owen

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Ryan Owen has extensive experience preparing appellate briefs, original proceedings, motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions, jury charges, and post-judgment motions. He has won appeals involving a variety of complex legal issues.

He maintains a diverse practice and has helped achieve favorable results in various matters, including cases involving premises liability, insurance coverage, professional liability, and issues involving property owners' associations.

Ryan is invaluable at every stage of litigation, from spotting dispositive issues and developing a trial strategy to preserving error for appeal and crafting appellate arguments.

### Background

Ryan is a North Texas native. After college at the University of Texas at Arlington, Ryan worked as an investment consultant in Southlake for several years before attending Baylor Law School. At Baylor, Ryan served on law review and won multiple trial and appellate advocacy awards. He began his career primarily representing plaintiffs before joining Thompson, Coe, Cousins, & Irons, LLP. He lives with his wife, Haley, and their two children in Arlington, Texas.

### Representative Experience

Won Fifth Circuit appeal in which the court affirmed dismissal via summary judgment of hostile work environment claims.

Equal Employment Opportunity Comm'n v. U.S. Drug Mart, Inc., No. 23-50075, 2024 WL 64766 (5th Cir. Jan. 5, 2024).

Won an appeal at the Eleventh District Court of Appeals where the Court affirmed dismissal via plea to the jurisdiction based on derivative governmental immunity.

*Bellamy v. Allegiance Benefit Plan Mgmt., Inc.*, No. 11-23-00105-CV, 2024 WL 3528535 (Tex. App.—Eastland July 25, 2024, no pet. h.).

Won an appeal at the Second District Court of Appeals where the Court affirmed a take-nothing judgment in favor of an individual defendant who accepted fault and responsibility for the wreck at trial.

*Sturdivant v. Anderson*, No. 02-22-00467-CV, 2023 WL 4780924 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth July 27, 2023, no pet.).

Currently representing multiple businesses at the Texas Supreme Court on pending petitions for writ of mandamus and petitions for review.

Representing property owners' associations and individuals in appeals at the Sixth and Seventh District Courts of Appeals as well as the Texas Supreme Court (pending).

Representing a roofing contractor in a commercial dispute in the First District Court of Appeals after obtaining summary judgment on all claims and counterclaims. (pending)

Recently won a motion to dismiss under Chapter 150.002 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code representing an industrial architecture in Dallas, Texas.

Won multiple jury trials and a bench trial in Dallas County where he helped obtain a judgment reducing the amount of a construction lien and awarding attorneys' fees.

Member of winning appellate team where the issue concerned whether the plaintiff's cause of action constituted a healthcare liability claim under Chapter 74 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code.

Won or successfully defended summary judgment motions regarding a broad range of issues, such as insurance coverage, the scope of a retailers' duty to protect against third parties, the enforceability of liability waivers, validity of service, and ecclesiastical abstention.

## Related Services

Appellate Litigation

Governmental Entities and Civil Rights Defense

## Education, Admissions & Activities

### EDUCATION

Baylor Law School

J.D., 2020

Baylor Law Review Technical Editor

Naman Howell Smith & Lee Client Counseling Competition (2019)

University of Texas at Arlington

B.B.A., 2011

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2020

#### COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Eastern, Western, Southern

#### PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Leadership Class of 2022-2023

Dallas Bar Association: Appellate section