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Rusty O'Kane is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Civil Appellate Law and is a civil trial and appellate attorney in the Litigation section of Wick Phillips, focusing on a variety of commercial litigation and corporate counseling matters. He focuses on all forms of contract disputes, with special emphasis on Texas Anti-SLAPP cases, franchise disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, restrictive covenant and non-compete cases, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and theft of trade secrets. Rusty has successfully represented individuals, small business owners, financial institutions, and Fortune 500 companies in all types of matters, both as plaintiffs and defendants, including pursuing and defending requests for injunctive relief and trying multiple cases to verdict. He has worked hard to build long-term relationships with clients, balancing their overall business goals with strategies for successfully litigating cases from pre-lawsuit resolution, trial, post-trial activity, and appeal of judgments rendered by a trial court.

Prior to joining Wick Phillips, Rusty previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable Lawrence M. Reifurth on the Intermediate Court of Appeals of Hawaii, and as an attorney with a large, Chicago-based law firm where he was named a Rising Star among his peers. After moving to Dallas, Rusty joined the Board of Directors for the Texas Young Lawyers Association, the public service arm of the State Bar of Texas. He is also an active member of the Dallas triathlon community and competes in triathlons of varying distances.

Awards & Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America® – Appellate Practice (2024-25)
- Texas Rising Star, Super Lawyers® – Appellate (2023-24)
- *D Magazine's* Best Lawyers Under 40 (2023)
- Board Certified, Civil Appellate Law – Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2022)
- Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Star (2014)

All Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Civil Appeals and Disputes
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Texas Anti-Slapp
- Trade Secrets



Education

- Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2010)
- George Washington University (M.A., Legislative Affairs, 2007)
- George Washington University (B.A., Political Science & History, *summa cum laude*, 2006)

Memberships

- Director, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Former District 26 Representative, American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Member, Texas Bar Association

Admissions

- Illinois
- Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas