

Bretton A. "Bret" Rycroft

Senior Counsel

PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Commercial Litigation; Construction Litigation

EDUCATION:

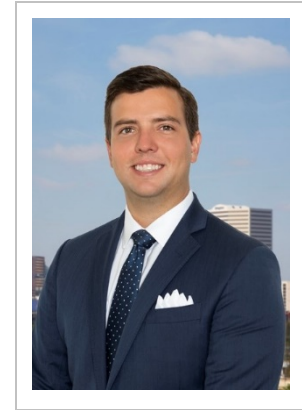
J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2011
B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 2008
Texas Crew Rowing Team

ADMITTED:

State Bar of Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas



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Profile:

Bret Rycroft represents a wide range of clients in business disputes in state and federal courts across Texas. His goal is to find creative, practical and value-driven solutions to the complex issues his clients face.

Bret has successfully represented clients in matters related to breach of contract, business-related tort matters, employment disputes, personal injury claims, construction defect claims, employment disputes, and enforcement of non-competition agreements. He has represented a diverse group of clients across numerous industries, including real estate, property management, construction, oil and gas, energy and Texas businesses.

Prior to joining Andrews Myers, Bret practiced commercial litigation with a business litigation firm in Houston, Texas and previously practiced criminal defense with a defense firm in Houston, Texas. Bret started his career as a member of the trial team for Roger Clemens in Washington, D.C.

Professional Recognition:

"Texas Rising Star," *Texas Monthly*, 2017 - Present

Affiliations:

State Bar of Texas, Litigation and Construction Sections
Houston Bar Association, Real Estate and Construction Sections
Houston Apartment Association
Houston Young Lawyers Association, Habitat for Humanity Committee
The Garland Walker Inn of Court
Texas Apartment Association
National Apartment Association
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
Texas Trial Lawyers Association

Speeches and Publications:

New Firearm Legislation, AM Monthly Law Alert, June 2019
"The Change Order," State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section, 2019
Is Fido Allowed? And Should Fido be Allowed?, AM Monthly Law Alert, October 2018
Fair Housing, AM Monthly Law Alert, 2018
"Generational Age Gap," Houston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, April 2018
Blue Star Program, Houston Apartment Association, 2017

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Speeches & Publications (Cont'd)

Mock Trial, Houston Apartment Association, 2017

"Certified Apartment Manager," Houston Apartment Association, 2016 & 2017

"Leasing 101," Houston Apartment Association, Annual Presentation, 2015 - Present

Representative Experience:

- Successfully represented national owners and property management companies in hundreds of bench trials and numerous jury trials across Texas involving residential and commercial disputes.
- Defended national owners and property management companies in numerous residential and commercial lawsuits involving breach of contract allegations, business related tort claims, claims and discrimination lawsuits.
- Successfully represented owners and national management companies in multiple complaints with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Texas Workforce Commission and the City of Austin Fair Housing Department.
- Represented numerous general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in collection claims with foreclosure of mechanics and materialman's liens and mineral property liens.
- Successfully prosecuted breach of contract claim for Fortune 500 material supply company.
- Successfully prosecuted claims for subcontractors and supplies against general contractors and individual owners for violating the Texas Construction Trust Fund Statute.
- Defended Texas custom home builders in RCLA claims for construction defects.
- Successfully prosecuted subcontractor's breach of contract claims against general contractors and owner in AAA arbitration.
- Defended Fortune 500 property management company in personal injury claims.
- Represented residential real estate developer in Texas state court involving claims for breach of contract, breach of warranty, and multiple DTPA claims.
- Defended national management company in discrimination and fair housing lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Texas.
- Successfully defended national management company in the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of Texas for claims of violation of Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.
- Defended real estate developer in Texas state court for felony water pollution.
- Represented numerous oil and gas companies in disputes with service companies.