

## Bretton A. "Bret" Rycroft

### Senior Associate

#### PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Commercial Litigation; Construction Litigation

#### EDUCATION:

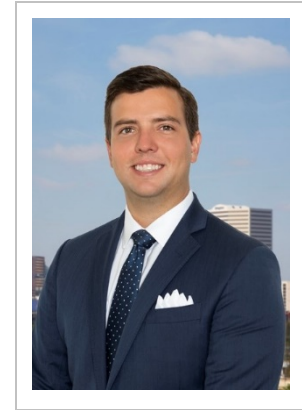
J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2011  
B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 2008  
Texas Crew Rowing Team

#### 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 commercial disputes in both federal and state 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 relating to breach of contract, enforcement of non-competition and non-solicitation agreements, business-related tort matters, employment disputes, personal injury claims, breach of warranty claims, tortious interference claims and construction defect claims. He has represented a diverse group of clients across numerous industries, including real estate, management, construction, energy and Texas businesses.

Prior to joining Andrews Myers, Bret practiced commercial litigation with a boutique business litigation firm in Houston, Texas and previously practiced criminal defense with a defense firm in Houston, Texas. Bret started his legal career with a well-known criminal law firm and was 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  
Houston Bar Association, Real Estate and Construction Sections  
Houston Apartment Association  
Houston Young Lawyers Association  
American Bar Association, Business Law  
The Garland Walker Inn of Court  
Texas Young Lawyers Association

#### Recent Speeches and Publications:

"Generational Age Gap," Houston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, April 2018  
Blue Star Program, Houston Apartment Association, 2017  
Mock Trial, Houston Apartment Association, 2017  
"Certified Apartment Manager," Houston Apartment Association, 2016 & 2017  
"Leasing 101," Houston Apartment Association, Annual Presentation, 2015 - Present

Bret Rycroft

**Representative Experience:**

- Successfully represented national owners and management companies in hundreds of bench trials and numerous jury trials across Texas involving residential and commercial disputes
- Defended national owners and management companies in numerous residential and commercial lawsuits involving breach of contract claims, business related tort claims, DTPA 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 Texas construction company in Texas state court involving breach of contract claims and construction defect claims
- Represented national real estate developer in personal injury lawsuit in Texas state court
- 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
- Represented Texas energy company in breach of contract claim
- Represented real estate developer in Texas state court action involving criminal water pollution
- Successfully defended residential real estate developer and homebuilder in multiple claims of DTPA, breach of contract, and construction defect actions.