# Matthew K. Hansen

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Matthew's extensive experience managing complex litigation, from class action defenses to energy and consumer protection disputes, coupled with his strategic business advisement, helps clients navigate multifaceted legal landscapes.

## OVERVIEW

Matthew represents clients in a broad spectrum of litigation matters across state and federal courts, including arbitrations and adversary proceedings in bankruptcy court. His practice encompasses class action defense, energy litigation, antitrust, financial services, consumer protection, and consumer finance litigation. Matthew assesses risk, identifies key objectives with clients, and implements effective strategies to help his clients achieve those goals efficiently.

Matthew's clients include oil and gas producers, banks, mortgage servicers, student loan servicers, and other financial services entities. He defends oil and gas producers in royalty litigation and commercial disputes and has extensive experience defending against civil antitrust claims. In the financial services sector, Matthew represents national banks, mortgage lenders, and financial institutions in disputes involving various consumer protection and debt collection statutes.

Matthew offers to clients a pragmatic approach to problem-solving and an ability to advise on the potential legal effects of business practices. He assists clients in responding to regulatory complaints and advises on business practices and structures. Matthew's experience includes advising on royalty payment practices, energy transactions, and drafting agreements and disclosures for consumer finance transactions.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

### Energy Litigation

- Represented Headington Royalty, and Headington Energy Partners, LLC in a breach of contract dispute over a terminated 640-acre oil and gas lease in the Permian Basin of West Texas, resulting in a jury verdict exceeding $67 million and a final judgment exceeding $94 million.
- Represents a natural gas production company in multiple lawsuits involving royalty disputes, including serving as a member of the trial team that obtained a total defense verdict in a jury trial of a class action.
- Represented a natural gas production company in a dispute arising from a commercial transaction.

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- Advised an oil and gas production company concerning royalty payment practices.
- Advised an oil and gas production company regarding the implications of commercial transactions on lease obligations.

**Financial Services Litigation**

- Represents a financial consulting firm to obtain the dismissal of claims by enforcing a forum-selection clause.
- Represented national banks, mortgage lenders, financial services companies, mortgage servicers, and investors in residential mortgage disputes involving alleged FDCPA, TILA, RESPA, FCRA, TDCA, DTPA, and TCPA violations, together with allegations of mortgage fraud, predatory lending, false credit reporting, improper collection, violations of various state and federal statutes, regulations, the home equity provisions of the Texas Constitution, and other lending and servicing errors.
- Represented a national student loan servicer in various disputes related to student loan servicing, including alleged violations of state consumer protection and debt collection statutes, the FDCPA, and FCRA.
- Represented financial institutions and financial services companies in adversary proceedings in bankruptcy court.
- Represented a mortgage lender in administrative proceedings brought by state and federal agencies.
- Represented lenders, servicers, and an insurance company in disputes arising from hurricane-related property damage.

**Antitrust Litigation**

- Assists in representing one of the nation’s largest distributors of dental products and supplies in civil antitrust litigation.
- Advised a consortium of quick-service and full-service restaurants and food service distributors regarding antitrust compliance.

**Consumer Protection Litigation**

- Assisted in representing an international software provider in putative class actions alleging violations of multiple consumer protection statutes and related claims.
- Assisted in representing a national company whose subsidiaries specialize in the purchase and recovery of discharged consumer receivables in a dispute arising under state and federal consumer protection statutes.

**Copyright Litigation**

- Represented a client in defending against copyright infringement claims.

## AWARDS

- *Super Lawyers*® Texas Rising Star, Business Litigation (2018)

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust
- Class Action
- Energy
- Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial
- Student Lending

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Associate, Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court (2014-2015)
- Member, J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Dallas Bar Association

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- William & Mary Law School, J.D., 2008, *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*
- University of Utah, B.A., 2003

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Oklahoma

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

## PUBLICATIONS

- Podcast, “Mock Jury Exercises: Enhancing Litigation Strategy in Consumer Financial Services Cases,” *The Consumer Finance Podcast*, March 20, 2025.
- Co-author, “Texas Supreme Court Holds Financial Institutions May Be Served Only Through Their Registered Agent,” Locke Lord QuickStudy, March 1, 2022.