



Sidney K. Swinson



Sid Swinson is a Shareholder and former President and Director in the Tulsa office of GableGotwals and has more than 45 years of legal experience representing parties in bankruptcy cases, commercial litigation, and transactions. Since 2014, he has served as outside general counsel for the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma, advising on a myriad of legal issues, including real estate, contracts, employment, administrative law, constitutional law, and religious organizations matters.

In addition, Sid's bankruptcy practice includes serving for many years on the panel of chapter 7 bankruptcy trustees for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, representing other trustees in bankruptcy cases, representing creditors in bankruptcy cases under all chapters, and representing business debtors in chapter 7 and chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

Sid has held leadership positions in the Oklahoma Bar Association, including serving on the Professional Responsibility Tribunal, on which he served as Chief Master, and on the Professional Responsibility Commission, on which he served as Chair. For many years he has served as Director, with two stints as Chair, of the Bankruptcy and Reorganization Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association. In 1998, Sid was presented with the Courageous Lawyer Award, and in 2009, he received the John E. Shipp Award for Ethics by the Oklahoma Bar Association. Sid has likewise been honored by the Tulsa County Bar Association from whom he received the Neil E. Bogan Award for Professionalism, the Golden Rule Award for ethics, and in 1987 was named Outstanding Junior Lawyer.

From 1993 until 2016, Sid was an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Tulsa College of Law, where he taught a survey course on bankruptcy. He is a co-author of three editions of a textbook, Introduction to Bankruptcy Law, Sixth Edition (Thomson Publishing Co.). Sid is a Fellow in the prestigious American College of Bankruptcy. He previously served as an Adjunct Settlement Judge for the United States District Court and

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Restructuring, Workouts & Bankruptcy
- Litigation (State & Federal)

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Tulsa College of Law
- B.B.A., University of Notre Dame

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Diocesan Attorney Association
- American College of Bankruptcy
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Tulsa County Bar Association

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Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Sid served as a Director and Corporate Secretary of Bishop Kelley High School, and continues to serve on the Governance Committee. In 2023, he was inducted into the Bishop Kelley Hall of Fame.

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

Benchmark Litigation, 2026

United States (National), Oklahoma

Litigation Star

Best Lawyers, 2005-2021, 2023-2027

Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Bet-the-Company Litigation

Litigation – Bankruptcy

Best Lawyers “Lawyer of the Year”

Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2024

Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2018, 2021

Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2012, 2016, 2019

Martindale-Hubbell Lawyer Ratings

AV Preeminent

Super Lawyers, 2006-2025

Bankruptcy

Business Litigation

Top 50: Oklahoma Super Lawyers,

2010-2015, 2020