



Richard M. Cella



Rick Cella is a former federal prosecutor and seasoned courtroom advocate with extensive first-chair trial experience. He represents clients in complex litigation and regulatory matters, drawing on deep experience in government and internal investigations.

Previously, Rick was a federal prosecutor in the Northern District of Oklahoma, focusing on white collar crime, including healthcare fraud, corporate misconduct, and tax offenses. He prevailed as first-chair trial counsel in multiple federal criminal jury trials, as well as appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Prior to joining the Firm, Rick served as Senior Litigation Counsel at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), where he led complex enforcement actions involving violations of federal securities laws and FINRA and NASD rules.

Earlier in his career, Rick practiced for six years at a major international law firm in Dallas, where he handled complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts and in arbitration proceedings.

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SERVICES

- Litigation (State & Federal)
- Administrative & Regulatory Law
- Financial Services Litigation
- False Claims Act
- Corporate Securities Law
- Healthcare
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations

EDUCATION

- J.D., *with honors*, University of Texas School of Law
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Georgetown University

ADMISSIONS

- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- Oklahoma
- United States District Court for the Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Oklahoma
- Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Council Oak/Johnson-Sontag American Inn of Court