



Steven J. Adams



Steve Adams is a Shareholder at GableGotwals. He is a former Oklahoma State Court District Judge (1987 to 1993) and since 1993, has worked as a trial lawyer in complex civil litigation in state and federal courts and before regulatory bodies. Steve brings wide-ranging experience in civil matters, including class actions, energy, insurance, environmental law, and commercial law.

Steve currently serves as a member of the Oklahoma Supreme Court Committee for Uniform Civil Jury Instructions and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Tulsa Port of Catoosa Port Authority. He is a former Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Tulsa College of Law where he taught evidence and pre-trial practice. He is the former chair of the Tulsa County Bar Association Litigation Section, a former governor of the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors, and a former member of the Oklahoma Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

Representative Experience:

- Class actions including claims regarding oil and gas royalties, health insurance, property damage and groundwater contamination
- Indemnity agreements and contract rights of energy producers
- Right of way acquisition and condemnation litigation
- Stockholder derivative claims arising from sales of stock, assets and subsidiary entities
- Catastrophic injury claims arising from oil field operations
- Surface and subsurface damage claims arising from energy production and operations
- Claims originating in energy joint development and operations agreements, aggregate mining and development agreements, and insurance contracts

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SERVICES

- Litigation (State & Federal)
- Class Actions/Multi-District Litigation
- Financial Services Litigation
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Insurance
- Construction
- Environmental

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Tulsa College of Law, 1979
- B.S., Oklahoma State University, 1976

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Tulsa County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Supreme Court Committee for Uniform Civil Jury Instructions

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **AV PREEMINENT**
Martindale-Hubbell Lawyer Ratings
- ***Best Lawyers in America***, 2010-2026
Commercial Litigation
Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants
Lawyer of the Year, Tulsa - 2023
Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action - Defendants
- ***Super Lawyers***, 2016-2022
Oklahoma Top 50 - 2020
Energy & Natural Resources, Business Litigation
- ***Chambers USA***, 2015-2020
Leading Individual in Energy & Natural Resources