



Brooks A. Richardson



Brooks Richardson is a Shareholder at GableGotwals. His practice focuses on complex business litigation, including energy and environmental litigation, joint venture and royalty disputes, employment, indemnity, insurance coverage, and insurance bad faith litigation, and class actions involving the above disputes. In addition, Brooks leverages his prior experience as in-house counsel to provide general legal counsel on regulatory compliance, contract and vendor management, records and information governance, privacy and cybersecurity, crisis response and business continuity planning, employment law, and enterprise risk management.

He is an experienced attorney with a proven track record of enabling and empowering businesses with creative and practical legal guidance and business strategies. With nearly 20 years of complex commercial litigation experience, and 10 years of in-house legal experience at a publicly-traded energy company, Brooks knows how to deliver success in the courtroom, the conference room, and the boardroom. His clients and former employers have described his strengths as “strategic,” “detail-oriented,” “creative and innovative problem-solver,” “impeccable integrity,” “persuasive and clear,” and “skillful navigator.” In January 2026, after Brooks and his team resolved an international client’s legal disputes involving joint interests in a crude oil terminal, the client wrote: “I have never worked with a better legal team. It was fast, to the point, practical and worked perfectly. Your support, responsiveness, and practical approach made a real difference, and the end result speaks for itself.”

Prior to joining the Firm, Brooks was the Vice President & Deputy General Counsel of Continental Resources, Inc. He also served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Dean Whipple in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Litigation

- Defense in environmental contamination and remediation disputes.
- Defense of collective actions brought under Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Representation of companies and individuals in trade secret misappropriation litigation.
- Defense of manufacturers in warranty and product defect litigation.
- Defense of oil and gas operators in multiple royalty and working interest owner disputes, including litigation involving commencement of operations, production in paying quantities, continuous drilling, surface damages, and royalty payments.
- Representation of payors in appeals and court challenges to royalty payment orders from the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.
- Led and participated in defense teams for 12 different class actions in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, and Colorado.*
- Defense of insurance bad faith actions in the individual, institutional, and class action contexts.

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SERVICES

- Litigation (State & Federal)
- Administrative & Regulatory Law
- Corporate Compliance and Risk Management
- Commercial Law
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Environmental
- Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law, *Order of the Coif*
- B.A., Duke University, *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma
- Kansas
- Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Courts: WDOK, NDOK, EDOK, WDMO, D.Kan., D.N.D.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Board Member, SSM Health St. Anthony’s Hospital System

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2026 Commercial Litigation
- *Benchmark Magazine*, 2016 Top In-House Counsel
- *Oklahoma Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2008-2009

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General Legal Counsel

- Extensive experience counseling clients on employment and regulatory matters, and representing their interests during agency audits and investigations: EEOC, OSHA, EPA, ONRR, BLM, OCC, NDIC, DEQ (multi-state), and State Attorneys General.
- Provided legal counsel as subject matter expert for oil and gas operator to transform royalty valuation process in order to manage disparate requirements in more than 100,000 lease contracts across multiple jurisdictions with different common law and regulatory requirements.*

Transactional

- Drafting of asset sale and purchase agreements, joint ventures, long-term oil and gas marketing, master service agreements, professional service agreements, real estate leases and sales, oil and gas leases, independent contractor agreements, non-disclosure agreements, severance agreements, master subscription agreements, cloud services, SaaS, data licensing, data processing, privacy, technology, and security agreements.
- Developing contract forms, templates, and clause libraries, and providing contract training for various business units and contract managers.

**matter handled prior to joining the Firm*