



Jay P. Walters



Jay Walters is a shareholder in the Oklahoma City office of GableGotwals and brings wide-ranging experience to his practice. A veteran attorney, Jay has represented business, individual, and tribal clients in a variety of complex civil cases before federal and state courts as well as arbitration panels.

Jay has litigated cases before courts at all levels involving energy, antitrust, securities, derivative actions, insurance, business torts, contracts, tribal gaming, and cultural litigation, in addition to other areas of law. He has worked on both trials and appeals and is experienced in class and shareholder actions as well. He also served as a Judicial Law Clerk for Judge Robin Cauthron in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Jay is a volunteer attorney with Oklahoma Lawyers for Children. He also serves on the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel for the Western District of Oklahoma and the Board of Directors for the Federal Bar Association's Oklahoma City Chapter. In addition, Jay is active on the Business Litigation Committee for the American Bar Association; the American Inns of Court XXIII; as a Moot Court Coach Volunteer for the Youth Leadership Exchange; and the Board of Directors for the Red Bud Foundation, Inc.

Representative Experience:

Obtained dismissal of shareholder derivative claims against director and officer of public oil and gas company.

- Obtained an Opinion from the Oklahoma Supreme Court affirming denial of a motion for temporary injunction in a matter filed pursuant to the Oklahoma Surface Damages Act on behalf of an oil and gas operator.
- Defend independent oil and gas company in class action brought by royalty owners.
- Appellate counsel in numerous appeals before the Supreme Court of the United States, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the Oklahoma Supreme Court.
- Lead counsel in the Supreme Court of the United States' reversal of an Oklahoma Supreme Court decision denying arbitration. *Nitro-Lift Techs., L.L.C. v. Howard*, -- U.S. --, 133 S. Ct. 500 (2012).
- Successful representation of Indian Tribes, gaming vendors, and others in Federal, State, and Tribal courts on matters involving gaming, traditional spiritual and religious rights, tribal membership, and sovereign immunity.

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PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust
- Appellate
- Class Actions/Multi-District Litigation
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Indian and Gaming
- Insurance
- Litigation (State & Federal)

EDUCATION

- J.D., George Washington University Law School, with honors, 1996
- B.A., Austin College, 1991

ADMISSIONS

- Oklahoma
- District of Columbia
- Virginia

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association-President Elect
- American Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Oklahoma County Bar Association
- Virginia Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- American Inns of Court

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **AV PREEMINENT**
Martindale-Hubbell Lawyer Ratings
- **Benchmark Litigation, 2026**
Litigation Star
- **Best Lawyers in America, 2013-2026**
Litigation-Mergers & Acquisitions, Litigation-Securities, Native American Law
Lawyer of the Year - Oklahoma City
Native American Law -2016, 2021
Litigation - Securities -2018, 2023, 2026
- **Super Lawyers, 2008 -2010, 2013-2025**
Business Litigation, General Litigation, Appellate