

## J. Reid Burley

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**WHETHER PROTECTING A CLIENT'S RIGHTS IN LITIGATION OR ADVISING ON THE LITIGATION RISKS OF A POTENTIAL MERGER OR ACQUISITION, REID FOCUSES ON HELPING CLIENTS EFFICIENTLY NAVIGATE THEIR RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIES AND MAXIMIZE THEIR BOTTOM-LINE. WORKING WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CLIENTS, FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, HIS GOAL IS TO ALLOW CLIENTS TO SPEND LESS TIME WORRYING ABOUT THE LEGAL ISSUES AND MORE TIME ON THEIR CORE BUSINESS OBJECTIVES.**

Reid is a commercial litigator, with an emphasis in business litigation. His broad litigation experience covers general business disputes, contract disputes, breach of fiduciary duty claims, employment disputes, non-compete and restrictive covenant litigation, shareholder disputes, partnership disputes and more. Reid litigates these disputes in a variety of forums including state court, federal district court, bankruptcy courts and FINRA arbitrations. Many of these proceedings involve pursuing or defending against emergency injunctive relief, which Reid routinely handles on behalf of his clients. Reid also routinely advises companies and individuals on the litigation risks of transactions, deals, and mergers and acquisitions.

In addition to his work as a business litigator, Reid also maintains a robust practice in the areas of creditors' rights and bankruptcy. His creditors' rights work includes helping clients obtain judgments and monetary recovery through garnishments, sequestrations and other post-judgment collection processes. His bankruptcy experience includes representing both secured and unsecured creditors through bankruptcy proceedings and related adversary cases. His bankruptcy litigation experience involves serving as first-chair trial counsel of a contested matter, extensive motion practice, drafting and negotiating debt workouts and related transactions, and handling a wide variety of hearings.

## Representative Experience

- First-chaired a temporary injunction trial and successfully obtained the dissolution of a temporary restraining order that had been entered against a client based on a non-compete and non-solicitation agreement.



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- Secured a six-figure judgment after a bench trial for a financial services company. This matter involved overcoming verified denials and sworn testimony about forged signatures through the use of an Instagram post as impeachment evidence.
- Represented USL Professional Soccer team Texoma FC in expanding the team's ownership investment group to include the Gronkowski family of NFL fame.
- First chaired a jury trial on behalf of client Ying International Trade, LLC in a breach of contract case. A jury deliberated for 3.5 hours before finding in favor of Ying International, awarding the full damages sought, plus attorneys' fees – resulting in a total verdict amount of more than six figures.
- First-chaired a jury trial on behalf of international shipping and logistics company and obtained a jury verdict awarding 100% of requested compensatory damages.
- First-chaired a bench trial on behalf of a hospitality industry company in a breach of lease action.
- First-chaired a bankruptcy claim objection trial on behalf of a financial services company in a contested matter related to a commercial line of credit and lost note affidavit.
- Obtained temporary injunction on behalf of homeowner against mortgage company seeking to wrongfully foreclose and subsequently obtained a favorable settlement allowing homeowner to remain in place.
- Prevailed on motions to dismiss under Rule 91a and TCPA on behalf of former board members of a nonprofit think tank against breach of fiduciary causes of action.
- Obtained summary judgment dismissal of premises liability claims against a natural gas distribution company.
- Led negotiations and obtained a favorable defense settlement on behalf of a general contractor regarding a premises liability claim.
- Led negotiations in obtaining a favorable defense settlement on behalf of a general contractor regarding a construction defect claim.

## Noteworthy

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- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" List, 2022-2025
- Selected by attorney peers for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars*®, Thomson Reuters, 2024

## Activities and Memberships

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- Trophy Club Zoning Board of Adjustment
  - Vice-Chairman of Board, 2023-2025
- Baylor Law Alumni Association
  - Dallas Steering Committee
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (DAYL)
  - Member
- State Bar of Texas
  - Member
- Dallas Bar Association
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## Presentations

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- "Practicing in a Mid-Sized Law Firm," Baylor University School of Law, panelist; February 26, 2025.

## Credentials

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### **Education**

- JD, Baylor University School of Law, 2018
- BBA, Baylor University, 2015

### **Admissions**

- Texas
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit