



## Dylan French

Associate

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Dylan focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, including breach of contract, business torts, and other high-stakes business disputes. His practice also includes a wide range of appellate matters in both state and federal court, with a focus on the Fifth Circuit and Texas Courts of Appeal.

Dylan has experience handling a variety of trial and appellate matters, taking a lead role in researching and drafting motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, as well as briefing in the Texas Court of Appeals and the Texas Supreme Court. In addition, Dylan has gained substantial experience in the law of qualified immunity, participating in several lawsuits against governmental entities and public officials.

Prior to joining the firm, Dylan clerked for Chief Judge Priscilla Richman of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. During his clerkship with Chief Judge Richman, he honed his skills as a legal writer and developed a careful eye for detail while being exposed to a wide variety of cutting-edge legal issues. After his clerkship, Dylan worked as a law fellow in the Special Litigation Unit at the Texas Attorney General's Office, assisting with investigation and strategy related to the landmark Google antitrust lawsuit.

## Key Matters

- Part of the appellate team in the successful defense of a trial court judgment in favor of major OFS supplier in a major contractual dispute regarding the operation of deep-water safety valves in the Gulf of Mexico and the application of certain American Petroleum Institute standards.
- Assisted in drafting Amicus brief on behalf of 18 former federal judges in death penalty case in support of an order to transport a state prisoner for medical testing pursuant to the All Writs Act.

## Recent Experience

Secured Pivotal Summary Judgment Win for Pioneer Natural Resources in Environmental Contamination Dispute

## Activities

- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Dylan received his B.B.A., *cum laude*, in Accounting from Southern Methodist University in 2015. He received his J.D., with High Honors, from the University of Texas School of Law in 2019, where he was an Associate Editor of the *Texas Law Review* and a member of the Chancellor's Society and the Order of the Coif.

### ADMISSIONS

- Texas

### CLERKSHIPS

- USCA - Fifth Circuit for the Honorable Priscilla R. Owen

## Related Insights & News

- "When Textualism Divides the Texas Court," *The Texas Lawbook*, Co-author, July 2021
- "The Cutting Edge of Confession Evidence, Redefining Coercion and Reforming Police Interrogation Techniques in the American Criminal Justice System," 97 Tex. L Rev. 1031 (2019)

### CLIENT SUCCESS

Winston Brings High-Exposure Breach of Contract Case Against Client Pioneer Natural Resources to an End With a Stunning, Precedential Summary Judgment Victory

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## ARTICLE

When Textualism Divides the Texas Court

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# Capabilities

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Litigation/Trials

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Appellate & Critical Motions

Energy