



## Caitlin E. Gernert

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# Caitlin concentrates her practice on civil and complex commercial litigation matters in state and federal courts.

Her practice has a particular emphasis on employment litigation, product liability and mass tort litigation, and fraud and fraudulent transfer litigation. Her clients span numerous industries, including energy, healthcare, real estate, and manufacturing.

Caitlin served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Yvette Kane and the Honorable Karoline Mehalchick in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. She was an extern for the Honorable Eldon Fallon in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Caitlin also interned at the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas.

### **Key Matters**

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

• Represented a carbon steel flange manufacturer in defense of Lanham Act and common law false advertising and unfair competition claims brought by a competitor and asserting counterclaims for Lanham Act and common law

false designation of origin, false advertising, and unfair competition.

- Represented a business-to-business finance provider in the solar energy industry asserting claims against a
  competitor of conversion, tortious interference with contracts, and unjust enrichment as well as a declaratory
  judgment regarding the ownership of solar assets.
- Represented landlords and tenants in litigation involving enforcement of commercial leases.
- Represented companies in various breach of contract and suit on sworn accounts seeking payment for goods or services rendered.
- Represented exploration and production companies (both operators and non-operators) in a variety of matters, including royalty disputes and environmental contamination.
- Represented a general contractor in a dispute against a subcontractor regarding payment and failure to timely complete work.
- Represented a retailer in a dispute with an adjoining landowner involving the enforcement of an easement agreement.

### Recent Experience

SunCap Acquisition of Adventure Forest, LLC

### Recognitions

Caitlin has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Commercial Litigation (2021–2024) and Energy Law (2024).

### Credentials

#### **EDUCATION**

Caitlin received her B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Art History and Communication Studies from Southern Methodist University in 2010. She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Tulane University Law School in 2014, where she was the Senior Associate Editor at *Tulane Law Review*. While in law school, she received the James A. Wysocki Trial Advocacy Award and the Cicero C. Sessions Award for Trial Advocacy.

#### **ADMISSIONS**

Texas

#### **CLERKSHIPS**

- USDC Middle District of PA for the Honorable Karoline Mehalchick
- USDC Middle District of PA for the Honorable Yvette Kane

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# Capabilities

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