



Bryan J. Nowlin

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Bryan J. Nowlin focuses his practice in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Trusts & Estate Planning (Litigation), Water Law, Municipal Law, Construction Law, and Indian Law. He has extensive experience with jury trials in both state and federal courts throughout Oklahoma. Bryan is proud to represent several communities throughout the State of Oklahoma on topics ranging from water issues and construction disputes to annexation.

Bryan holds an individual AV peer review rating through Martindale-Hubbell, has been named an Oklahoma Super Lawyer in Business Litigation for several years and has been named to Benchmark Litigation's "Under 40 Hot List" for 2018 & 2019. Further, he has been named as a Local Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation.

In addition, Bryan is a member of the firm's Recruitment & Diversity Committee. He also presently serves as Vice Chair of the Civil Procedure and Evidence Committee of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Bryan obtained the following results for clients:

- Numerous reversals of family court judgments on appeal to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals and Supreme Court, including affirmation of the value of a business on means other than those utilized by the trial court.
- Obtained settlements of two decade-long water territory disputes.
- Recovered damages for tortious interference and breach of a confidentiality provision in a federal copyright claim, including obtaining fees for the client.
- Obtained a jury verdict of contempt of court after a week-long trial resulting in recovery of significant purge fees as well as an attorney-fee award for the client.

Finally, Bryan is a frequent speaker regarding water law and general commercial litigation topics. He also has been published in numerous publications, including the *Oklahoma Bar Journal* and the *Journal Record*

newspaper. Bryan is actively involved with his family and community, including service on the non-profit board of the Child Abuse Network.

Education

- University of Oklahoma College of Law (J.D., *with distinction*, 2006) Editor-In- Chief, American Indian Law Review
- Boston College (B.S., B.A. in Political Science and History, *magna cum laude*, 2002)

Admissions

- Oklahoma, 2006
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Western and Northern Districts of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth and Tenth Circuits
- Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Practices

- Appellate
- Banking/Commercial Finance Services
- Complex Commercial Issues
- Divorce & Legal Separation
- Elder Law
- Environmental Services
- Family Law
- Guardianships
- Indian Law
- Insurance Law & Tort Litigation
- Litigation
- Marital Agreements
- Municipal & Public Authority
- Paternity
- Protective Orders
- Trusts & Estates Litigation
- Water Law & Land Rights

Legal Experience

- 2012 - Present Hall Estill
- Doerner, Saunders, Daniel & Anderson

Specialty Areas

- Municipal Law

Professional Involvement

- American Bar Association, member, Trust & Fiduciary Litigation Committee, Real Property Section
- Tulsa County Bar Association
- Oklahoma Bar Association, member, Civil Procedure & Evidence Committee

Community Involvement

- Former Member, Board of Directors, Child Abuse Network
- Member, Jenks Chamber of Commerce

Honors & Awards

- **2018 Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List**

Published Articles

- *Conflicts in Sovereignty: Naragansett Tribe in Rhode Island*, 30 American Indian L. Rev. 151, 2005
- "Lake of the Torches: An Ongoing Saga in Indian Gaming Lending," Oklahoma Bar Journal, vol. 85, pp.329-332 (February 16, 2013)

Representative Cases

- *Jage v. Trust Co. of Oklahoma*, 2009 WL 368504 (N.D. Okla. 2009)
- *Mexico Private Equity Fund v. Daugherty*, 2009 WL 2044720 (N.D. Okla. 2009)
- *Simmons Food, Inc. v. H. Mahmood J. Al-Bunnia & Sons Co.*, 2010 WL 58291 (W.D. Ark. 2010)
- *Spriggs v. First American Title & Trust Co.*, 2011 WL 665622 (W.D. Okla. 2011)

- *Apache Tribe of Oklahoma v. Graves*, 2012 OK CIV APP 70, 280 P.3d 978 (appellate reversal in favor of tribe in gaming regulation negligence matter).
- *First Bank and Trust v. Maynahonah*, 2013 OK CIV APP 101, 313 P.3d 1044 (appellate reversal in favor of tribe on sovereign immunity grounds).

Teaching/Lecture Experience

- Bryan regularly speaks at seminars regarding the law relating to business in Indian Country, including serving as a panelist during the 2008 American Indian Chamber of Commerce Business Summit.

Awards & Recognition

- Hall Estill Recognized by Benchmark Litigation as Highly Recommended Law Firm
- Hall Estill Attorneys Named in 2019 Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under Hot List
- Hall Estill Attorneys Named in 2018 Benchmark Litigation 40 & Under Hot List

Published Articles

- Bryan Nowlin Pens Oklahoma Bar Journal Article

Gavel to Gavel

- Estate Planners Should Include Directions Regarding a Decedent's Remains
- An Attempt to Expand Gubernatorial Powers Could Lead to Constitutional Change by Bryan Nowlin
- Marriage and Estoppel in Probate