



Oliver Thoma

Partner

About

Oliver Thoma is a litigation partner at Hilgers PLLC, where he represents companies in high-stakes products liability, toxic tort, and mass tort litigation, complex commercial and fiduciary litigation, and state attorneys general litigation across the United States.

Oliver currently serves as co-lead national counsel for Motiva Enterprises LLC in cases brought by state attorneys general and municipalities alleging that oil and gas companies wrongfully caused climate change damage or misled consumers about climate change. He has also held leadership roles on national coordinating counsel teams for pharmaceutical and medical device companies in federal multidistrict litigation and coordinated state court proceedings, where he has been responsible for shaping expert, trial, and company strategy.

Oliver was born in McKinney, Texas, and has lived in Texas his entire life, save for a twelve-year interlude in Phoenix, Arizona, and Santa Rosa, California. He and his wife, Emily, are both Texas A&M Aggies and the proud parents of three boys.

Related Matters

Co-lead national counsel for Motiva Enterprises LLC in state attorneys general climate change litigation brought against fossil fuel companies, including advising on issues that have been briefed multiple times before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Co-lead trial counsel in Texas commercial construction arbitration hearing, recovering 7-figure award that was five times pre-hearing settlement offer.

Represented financial institutions, including a real estate private equity fund, and individual investors, in loan workout negotiations, foreclosure issues, business and fiduciary duty disputes, and receivership proceedings.

Successfully obtained asylum in the U.S. for mother and her family who had evacuated from Kabul, Afghanistan during the 2021 U.S. withdrawal and had received death threats from the Taliban for serving in the U.S.-supported government

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Education

J.D., magna cum laude, Baylor Law School, 2014
B.A., summa cum laude, Texas A&M University, Political Science, 2011

Admissions

- All Texas State Courts, 2014
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2015
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2017
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, 2020
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit, 2021
- Supreme Court of the United States, 2021
- California, 2023

Experience

- West, Webb, Allbritton & Gentry, P.C. 2023-2026
- King & Spalding LLP 2017-2023
- Norton Rose Fulbright LLP 2014-2017



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Publications

Awards

- Selected as 1 of 40 attorneys internationally to participate in the Institute for Energy Law's 2021-2022 Leadership Class
- Selected as 1 of 100 attorneys internationally to participate in the International Association of Defense Counsel's 2019 Trial Academy at Stanford University
- Texas A&M University Buck Weirus Spirit Award Recipient, 2009

Litigating Company Agreements and How to Avoid Common Pitfalls, 34th Annual LLCs, LPs and Partnerships Conference, University of Texas School of Law, Sep. 18, 2025 (with C. John Muller IV)

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SCOTUS Declines to Resolve U.S. Climate Change Litigation, For Now ABA Environmental & Energy Litigation Newsletter, December 3, 2021

The Future of Climate Change Litigation in the Wake of the US Supreme Court's Baltimore Ruling, Law 360, June 10, 2021

Coming and Going: How Texas Companies Can Guard Against the Ongoing Risk of False Claims Act Enforcement Actions During COVID-19 Crisis Texas Lawyer, July 6, 2020 (with Brandt Leibe and Grant Nichols)

Do Climate Change Nuisance Suits Belong in Federal Court? Law 360, June 16, 2020 (with Carol Wood, Tracie Renfroe, Nate Bilhartz, and Ashley Parrish)

What's Wrong with America's Future? Perhaps It's Us. Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress Weekly News Roundup, Feb. 14, 2020

Protecting Protective Orders: Defending Your Client's Confidential Documents in the Big Data Age, DRI's In-House Defense Quarterly, Summer 2018 (with Lana K. Varney)

Do Medical Experts Need Peer-Reviewed Support? Corporate Counsel, January 28, 2015

Having Your Cake and Eating It Too: Post-Contract – Formation Fraud, 66 Baylor Law Review 760, Fall 2014 (cited approvingly in *Jani-King Franchising, Inc. v. Jani-King (GB) Ltd.*, 2016 WL 7680527, at *4 (N.D. Tex., 2016))



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Publications Cont.

Free Trade with China: For Better or Worse? A Dialogue on Presidential Challenges and Leadership: Papers of the 2010-2011 Presidential Fellows at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, August 2011

The Constitutional Origins of the President's Foreign Affairs Power, Texas A&M University Honors Research Fellow Senior Thesis Submission, April 2011