

Practice Areas

- Litigation

Education

- Southern Methodist University, BBA, BA, 2003
- Washington University in St. Louis, J.D., 2006

Honors

- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law: Editor-in-Chief – Washington University Global Studies Law Review, 2005-2006
- Second Place – Pace University National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, 2005-2006
- Winner – Washington University Environmental Moot Court Competition, 2005
- Best Brief – Washington University Environmental Moot Court Competition, 2005
- Dean's List Spring 2003, Spring 2005, Spring 2006
- CALI Award for Commercial Real Estate Planning and Drafting

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Ryan Cantrell maintains a general litigation practice with an emphasis on governmental defense, fraud and complex commercial litigation involving companies in the energy industry. In his governmental defense practice, Mr. Cantrell represents state and local governmental entities, such as school districts, police and fire departments, and drainage districts in lawsuits ranging from employment discrimination to excessive force. In his commercial litigation practice, Mr. Cantrell has participated in a wide variety of cases including trademark infringement, civil fraud, and construction litigation. He has participated in several multimillion dollar commercial arbitrations, including drafting an arbitration brief in a pipeline construction case that led to a \$3.2M multi-million dollar award in favor of the client.

Significant Transactions

- Participated in a successful commercial pipeline arbitration in which the arbitrator awarded virtually 100% recovery to our client (awarding approx. 3.2M out of 3.3M sought)
- Prevailed on four out of four dispositive motions, dismissing governmental defendants in last six months

News & Publications

- Finding Nemo . . . and Eating Him: The Failure of the United Nations to Force Internalization of Negative Social Costs Resulting from Over-fishing, 5 Wash. U. Global Stud. L. Rev. 381 (2006)
- Individual Immunity Claims in Federal and State Court, in State Bar of Texas, Suing and Defending Governmental Entities, ch. 3 (2005) (co-author with William S. Helfand)

Seminars & Presentations

- Recent Cases: Texas Tort Claims Act, Houston Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section Luncheon (May 2007)

- Judge Samuel Breckenridge Practice Court Prize
- Southern Methodist University: BBA Finance with Honors (2003)
- BA History with Honors (2003); Minor English (2003)
- Magna cum laude
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Beta Gamma Sigma
- University Honor Scholar
- Robert H. Stewart Business Scholar

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Ryan O. Cantrell, *Continued*

Professional Affiliations

- Texas State Bar Association

