



Bradley C. Williams represents insurers and corporate clients in high-stakes litigation nationwide, focusing on appellate advocacy, trial strategy, and trial team support. He approaches every case with a clear objective: position it to win at every stage. Whether serving as trial counsel or embedded appellate support, Brad works from the outset to develop dispositive strategies, preserve critical issues, and build a record designed to withstand scrutiny on appeal or create leverage for resolution. He also advises on and handles interlocutory appeals, using early appellate opportunities to reshape cases, narrow issues, and change the trajectory of litigation.

Working closely with trial teams through every phase of litigation, Brad handles pretrial motions, evidentiary and expert challenges, and jury instruction and verdict form strategy, while ensuring issues are properly preserved in real time. He maintains an active appellate practice in state and federal courts across the country, bridging trial and appellate strategy in a way that allows him to protect favorable outcomes, challenge adverse rulings, and guide clients through bet-the-company litigation with a practical, results-driven approach. Clients rely on him to bring a disciplined, forward-looking approach to complex disputes where the stakes are significant and the margin for error is small.

Prior to joining BatesCarey, Brad served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Jeffrey V. Brown in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

**Woosley v. O'Connell**, No. 2026-CA-0073-OA (Ky. Ct. App. Mar. 25, 2026) Successfully opposed a petition for a writ of prohibition seeking to force further trial-court proceedings on insurance bad faith claims, with the Kentucky Court of Appeals holding that the trial court lacked jurisdiction following entry of a final judgment and denying extraordinary relief.

**Martinez v. AN Webber Inc.**, No. 2024L10225 (Ill. Cir. Ct., Cook Cnty. 2026) Prevailed in a damages-only trial arising from a truck accident where the permanency and extent of plaintiff's injuries were sharply disputed, securing a verdict below Defendants' final pretrial offer.

**Wilson v. Landstar Ranger, Inc.**, No. 2024L940 (Ill. Cir. Ct., Cook Cnty. Nov. 14, 2025) Secured a complete defense verdict in a high-exposure broker liability action arising from an injury during the loading of a tractor-trailer, defeating a \$37 million demand by establishing that the broker did not retain sufficient control over the motor carrier to impose vicarious liability.

**Swan v. Villas Condo. Unit Owners' Ass'n**, 2024-Ohio-2313 Successfully defended a judgment enforcing a settlement agreement, even though the agreement was not reduced to writing.

**Kownslar v. Metro. Trans. Auth. of Harris Cnty.**, 661 S.W.3d 499 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2023) Successfully affirmed dismissal of personal-injury claims against a governmental entity, establishing no waiver of immunity under the Texas Tort Claims Act because the alleged roadway condition was not a "special defect" and fell within discretionary-function immunity.

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### Practice Areas

- Appellate and Trial Triage
- Bad Faith
- Coverage Litigation

### Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., 2018, *magna cum laude*
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A., English, 2014, *summa cum laude*

### Admissions

- Illinois
- Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- Supreme Court of the United States

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**Irani Eng'g, Inc. v. Arcadia Gas Storage, LLC**, No. 01-21-00113-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] Aug. 23, 2022) Obtained dismissal of claims against an individual defendant on an interlocutory appeal, defeating personal jurisdiction based on lack of consent to a forum-selection clause and absence of a binding agreement.

**Powe v. DowDuPont Inc.**, No. 14-20-00704-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Mar. 24, 2022) Successfully defended summary judgment on limitations, holding that plaintiff's claims accrued at the time of exposure and were barred where the discovery rule was not timely pleaded.

**Lee v. Mem'l Prod. Operating, LLC**, No. CV1604622 (Tex. Dist. Ct., Coke Cnty. 2022) Assisted trial team in securing a complete defense verdict in a complex oil-and-gas dispute, helping develop trial strategy and arguments that resulted in zero liability for the defendants.

**Sauls v. 24 Hour Fitness USA, Inc.**, No. 4:19-cv-00953-O (N.D. Tex. Feb. 1, 2022) Secured judgment as a matter of law overturning a plaintiff's jury verdict in a premises liability case, establishing that the alleged condition was open and obvious and negated any duty owed by the insured.

**Johnson v. Caroli**, No. 21-20231 (5th Cir. May 12, 2022) Successfully defended summary judgment on appeal in a wrongful-death action, affirming that claims were barred by the Texas Workers' Compensation Act's exclusive-remedy provision based on course-and-scope employment principles.

## PRESENTATIONS

"One Lie Spoils a Thousand Truths: Trends and Questions in Spoliation Claims Since *Brookshire Brothers*," Houston Bar Association (2023)

## PUBLICATIONS

"Preventing Unintended Internet Discrimination: An Analysis of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act for Algorithmic Racial Steering," 2018 U. Ill. L. Rev. 847

## Memberships

- Appellate Lawyers Association of Illinois
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association