

J. MATT ROWAN

PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

Mr. Rowan represents a wide variety of litigation and commercial matters, including oil and gas litigation, intellectual property litigation, constitutional rights, municipal liability, employment disputes, and medical malpractice.

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Presented Outstanding Young Lawyer Award by Smith County Young Lawyers Association, 2010

Named a Texas Rising Star as published in *Texas Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition/Texas Monthly Magazine*, 2009-2012

J.D., Baylor University School of Law, May 2001

Achievements:

- Member of Baylor University Mock Trial Team
- First Place in Texas-Oklahoma-Louisiana Region; National Trial Competition 2001
- Third Place in Nation; National Trial Competition 2001
- Recipient of the Evidence Award in Baylor Practice Court, 2001
- Strasburger and Price Moot Court Award – First Place Team and Best First Year Team
- Dawson, Sodd, and Beard, P.C., Moot Court Award
- Fulbright and Jaworski Advocacy Award
- Member, Order of the Barristers, 1999, 2000, 2001
- Received the Baylor Law School Academic Merit Scholarship 1998-1999
- Phi Delta Phi – inducted in March 1999, Vice President, 2000-2001

B.A. in Political Science with a minor in History, Baylor University, May 1998

Honors and Activities:

- National Merit Finalist in 1994
- Recipient of the National Merit Scholarship which awards full tuition for four years, 1994
- Dean's List – Spring semester 1995; Fall semester, 1996; Spring semester 1998
- Member of Student Foundation-1996-1998

LICENSED & ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U. S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- State Courts in the State of Texas



J. Matt Rowan
Member

Admitted to the Bar – 2001

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LEGAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Smith County Bar Association
 - Treasurer, 2010-2011
 - Board of Directors, 2009-2011
- Smith County Young Lawyers Association
 - President, 2007-2008
 - Vice President, 2006-2007
 - Director 2004-2006
 - Member 2001-present
- Smith County Bar Foundation – Law Day Co-Chair, 2011; 2010; 2009
- Co-Chair of People’s Law School 2008; 2005
- Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- East Texas Baylor Club – Director 2006-present, 2001-2004; President 2005 and 2006
- Leadership Tyler Class 18, 2004-2005
- Junior Achievement,
 - Classroom Volunteer, 2007-2009
 - Board of Directors 2005-2009
 - Chairman of Board, 2007-2008
- Tyler Teen Court, Volunteer Judge 2005
- Green Acres Baptist Church – Member

SPEAKING AND WRITING

- Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals Annual Certified Legal Assistant Review Course – Lecturer on the subject of “Corporations and Business Entities,” 2002 and 2004
- State Bar of Texas Legal Assistant Division CLE Seminar – Lecturer on the subject of “Corporate Formation,” 2004

PERSONAL

Born in Tyler, Texas, Mr. Rowan is married to the former Kathryn Nordyke. They have three children, Caroline Grace, Michael Thomas, and Elizabeth Leigh.