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About Brett

Brett Rector focuses his litigation practice on healthcare and commercial disputes. He represents all types of healthcare providers — including for-profit and not-for-profit hospital systems, medical device manufacturers, air ambulance companies, pharmaceutical companies and physician groups — and has helped secure significant awards and settlements for plaintiffs and defendants across the nation. Brett has substantial experience litigating disputes involving managed care and billing and reimbursement, *qui tam* and alleged false claims, as well as complex commercial matters involving contract, restrictive covenants, employment, real estate and other business disputes.

In addition to his litigation practice, Brett represents healthcare clients in numerous regulatory and compliance matters, including government investigations, medical staff actions and matters relating to alleged violations of federal and state anti-kickback provisions and Stark laws.

Brett is consistently recognized for his work in healthcare disputes, having been ranked by *Chambers USA* in Texas Healthcare (2023), *LawDragon 500X – The Next Generation* in Commercial Litigation, especially Healthcare (2023) and by *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch in Commercial Litigation (2021-2024).

Prior to joining Bracewell, Brett was a public-school teacher and teaching coach, served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Michael Urbanski, United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia and was a judicial intern for the Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Outside of the practice of law, Brett serves as Chairman of the Board for Ascension Day School and holds leadership roles at his church.

Recent Notable Matters

Hospital systems, provider groups, and air ambulance companies — managed care and reimbursement disputes against commercial and government payors

Out-of-network healthcare providers — reimbursement litigation for out-of-network services rendered to insured patients, including under the federal No Surprises Act

Hospitals, medical device manufacturers and physician groups — disputes involving allegations of fraud and abuse allegations, *qui tam* actions, reimbursement issues and violations of state and federal false claims

laws

Healthcare providers — operational and compliance issues, including compliance with Stark Law and the anti-kickback statutes, reviews before the Texas Medical Board and evaluation of self-reporting obligations to state and federal regulators

Healthcare providers — respond to civil investigative demands, grand jury subpoenas and subpoenas from state and federal authorities

Healthcare providers — responding to drug diversion allegations and audit requests by the Drug Enforcement Administration

Hospital systems and healthcare providers — disputes over alleged overbilling and fraudulent billing practices

National hospital company, clinical laboratories and physician groups — disputes relating to hospital services agreements, physician recruitment and employment agreements, lease agreements, commercial contracts, real estate covenants, non-competition and non-solicitation agreements, public information requests and privacy issues

Education

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D.
2015 – *Order of the Coif*

College of William & Mary, B.A.
2009 – *summa cum laude*

Noteworthy

Chambers USA, Texas Healthcare, 2023

BL Rankings, *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2021 - 2024

Lawdragon Inc., *Lawdragon 500 X - The Next Generation*, Commercial Litigation, especially Healthcare, 2023

United States District Court of the Western District of Virginia, Judicial Law Clerk

United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas, Judicial Intern

Virginia Law Review, Editor

Virginia Journal of Criminal Law, Executive Editor

University of Virginia School of Law, Eppa Hunton IV Memorial Book Award; James Shoomaker Jr. Moot Court Award

Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Legal Intern

Ascension Day School, Board of Directors

Teach for America, Manager, Teacher Leadership Development, Mississippi Delta Region; Elementary Teacher, Holmes County School District, Lexington, Mississippi

Affiliations

State Bar of Texas

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Texas Association of Young Lawyers

American Bar Association – Health Law Section

American Health Law Association

Bar Admissions

Texas