

Angela Laughlin Brown Counsel

Angela Brown focuses her practice on white-collar criminal and regulatory matters before federal courts and government agencies. She defends corporate and individual clients in high-stakes investigations, civil enforcement actions and criminal proceedings brought by a variety of federal and state regulators, primarily involving allegations of healthcare fraud, securities fraud, insider trading, FCPA violations, tax fraud, pay-to-play schemes and antitrust violations.

Angela is also an accomplished appellate lawyer with successful results in state and federal appeals before courts in Texas and other jurisdictions across the country. She is one of the firm's go-to lawyers for researching and briefing dispositive motions in the most challenging, high-exposure cases, or when clients need a skilled analysis of complex procedural and evidentiary issues that may determine the outcome of a case.

Before joining the firm, Angela was a Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law and focused her teaching and scholarship on matters of federal civil procedure, evidence and legal writing.

Experience

- Obtained Fifth Circuit judgment affirming the district court's judgment in favor of international franchiser against its former franchisee in the British Isles (and the franchisee's principal). The judgment awarded the franchisor \$3.15 million and dismissed franchisee's counterclaim seeking over \$9 million in damages. [*Jani-King Franchising, Inc. v. Jani-King \(GB\), Ltd. and Ian Thomas*](#), No. [17-11254](#) in U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.
- Representing a laboratory, and its principal, in parallel civil and criminal investigations related to allegations of illegal kickbacks and Medicare fraud.
- Representing physician in connection to an investigation by the Office



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Practices

White-Collar Defense
Appellate Law
Commercial Litigation

Education

J.D., Northeastern University School of Law (1999)
B.A., Government, University of Virginia (1995)

Bar Admissions

Texas (2001)
Virginia (1999)

Court Admissions

United States Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit
United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
Appellate Court of the Armed Forces
United States District Court, Northern District of Texas
United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

of the Inspector General and the Department of Health and Human Services into illegal kickback and billing fraud.

- Conducting an internal investigation into illegal kickback and billing fraud allegations on behalf of a large Houston-based healthcare company.
- Representing a healthcare marketing company in connection to an investigation conducted by the Justice Department and the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Successfully represented one of the largest debt buyers in the United States in obtaining appellate judgments affirming magistrate court's judgments in Idaho state courts.
- Representing large family trust in connection with claims by the Internal Revenue Service of fraudulent transfer and alter-ego.
- Representing CEO and international franchiser on appeal from denial of million dollar tax deduction in the United States Tax Court.

Press Releases

- "Gray Reed Announces Promotions" (January 3, 2019)
- "Gray Reed Secures Verdict for Jani-King in Franchise Enforcement Action" (September 18, 2018)

Thought Leadership

- "Don't Push the National Labor Relations Board's Buttons: "Fight for \$15" Campaign Wins in the Fifth Circuit", Gray Reed Legal Alert (July 18, 2018)

Speeches and Presentations

- "Building Trial Skills", National Institute of Trial Advocacy

("NITA") (June 3, 2017)

Honors

- Mahon Research Fellow (2008 - 2009)
- Frank W. Newton Service Award, Board of Barristers (2006)
- Texas Tech Alumni Association New Faculty Award (2006)
- Phi Alpha Delta Outstanding Teaching Award (2004 - 2005)

Organizational Involvement

Professional Activities, Memberships & Affiliations

- Faculty, National Institute of Trial Advocacy (2013 - present)
- Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (2015 - present)
- Volunteer Attorney, Collin County Teen Court (2009 - present)

Community Activities, Memberships & Affiliations

- Board Member, Nexus Recovery Center, Inc. (2017 - present)
- Lakewood Service League (2016 - present)