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Ben King, a Dallas-based litigator and Reid Collins partner, focuses his practice on complex business litigations frequently arising out of the insolvency of major companies and institutions. Ben has handled actions seeking to recover multi-million-dollar fraudulent transfers, as well as high-stakes cases alleging director, officer, auditor, and other professional liability. Ben also handles a variety of other commercial matters, including the prosecution and defense of class actions. He prides himself on handling all matters efficiently as well as effectively.

After graduating first in his class from Cornell Law School in 1998, Ben clerked for Judge Alan E. Norris of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. He then practiced at a major firm in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Reid Collins, Ben was a partner with Diamond McCarthy LLP.

Ben was named a Texas Super Lawyer[®] by his peers in 2020-2022.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, J.D., summa cum laude, 1998

University of Alabama, M.A., English, 1993

University of Mississippi, B.A., English, 1990

ADMISSIONS

Texas

District of Columbia

CLERKSHIPS

The Honorable Alan E. Norris U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit 1998-1999

Ben is admitted to practice in Texas and the District of Columbia.

Accolades

- Total defense verdict for real estate investment fund after two-week jury trial involving multiple parties and potential damages exceeding \$100 million.
- Ongoing representation of the prosthetics manufacturer Ottobock Healthcare North America, Inc., in bringing legal malpractice claims against its former mergers & acquisition counsel.
- Representation of the Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee of Central Grocers, Inc., in bringing breach of fiduciary duty and fraudulent transfer claims against the company's former directors and officers.
- Representation of a class of participants in Advocare International, L.P., which allegedly operated its direct selling business as a pyramid scheme.
- Representation of the plan trustee for the trucking company Tango Transport in bringing fraudulent transfer and product defect claims against Navistar, Inc.
- Representation of the Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee of Rural/Metro Corp. in bringing breach of fiduciary duty claims against its former CEO.
- Representation of a class of participants in MXI Corporation, an alleged pyramid scheme that sells supposedly "healthy" chocolate.
- Representation of the liquidating trustee of R.E. Loans, LLC, in bringing fraudulent transfer actions against the profiting participants in the company's Ponzi scheme.
- Representation of Petroleum Wholesale, L.P., in successfully defending breach of contract claims brought by a former gasoline distributor.
- Representation of the bankruptcy trustee of the New York law firm Dreier LLP in bringing fraudulent transfer actions to recover hundreds of millions of dollars in payments pursuant to a Ponzi scheme.
- Representation of persons who invested in an alleged Dallas-based Ponzi scheme in responding to fraudulent transfer claims brought by a federal receiver.
- Representation of the bankruptcy trustee of the international law firm Howrey LLP in bringing fraudulent transfer claims against former partners and their new law firms.
- Representation of Cayman Island companies bringing billion-dollar business tort claims in a multi-district litigation arising out of the collapse of the Italian dairy giant, Parmalat S.p.A.

- Representation of the litigation trust of an insolvent Mississippi oil rig manufacturer in bringing multi-million-dollar claims against the company's former directors, officers, and professionals.
- Representation of a national, Mississippi-based fabric retailer in bringing multi-million-dollar auditor malpractice claims.
- Representation of a putative class of distributors of CITGO gasoline against CITGO for breach of contract in Oklahoma federal court. The class plaintiffs alleged that CITGO breached the UCC's obligation to get the open-price term of their contracts in good faith.
- Representation of two classes of purchasers of immigration bonds in bringing claims based on breach of contract and the charging of illegal and outrageous rates.
- Representation of a physician partnership in bringing multi-million-dollar fraud and breach of contract claims against Texas Health Resources.
- Representation of a ski lodge developer in defending claims for fraud and negligent misrepresentation brought by purchasers of land in a Colorado development.
- Representation of Utah's Zions Bancorp in defending claims brought by a former executive for unpaid bonus and severance pay. The litigation concluded after a week-long FINRA arbitration in New York City.
- Representation of Quitman County, Mississippi in a lawsuit against the State of Mississippi, in which Quitman County sought to require the State to provide a state-wide system of indigent criminal defense.
- Representation of one of the world's largest manufacturers of consumer goods in defending class action and third-party payer litigations.
- Representation of numerous clients on a pro bono basis in family law and landlord/tenant litigations.