



Adam Carlis Partner

Houston
(713) 653-7831
acarlis@susmangodfrey.com

Overview

“It is remarkable to meet an individual with as much enthusiasm and capacity to absorb an immensely complex problem.”

- Energy industry client, confidential arbitration

“Adam is an excellent attorney. He is very smart, composed and tenacious. He is a true partner and will work tirelessly to achieve the best outcome for you and your case.”

- Arthur Herbst, plaintiff in *Brand v. Promega*

I represent a diverse group of clients in courtrooms and arbitrations across the country. My practice focuses on cases involving complex financial, technical, or contractual issues. These disputes require a lawyer who understands the factual nuances better than the other side and can recast them as a straightforward story the judge and jury will understand. Clients have praised my ability to do just that. And the results speak for themselves: I have recovered tens of millions of dollars for my energy industry, antitrust, and intellectual property clients and, on the defense side, forced previously bullish plaintiffs to settle for a small fraction of their claimed damages.

Before joining Susman Godfrey, I clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and on the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. I graduated with highest honors from Columbia Law School where I served as Articles Editor for the Columbia Law Review.

Education

- Tufts University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2003)
- Columbia Law School (J.D., with highest honors, 2010)

Clerkship

Law Clerk to the Honorable Gerard E. Lynch, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit,

2010-2011

Law Clerk to the Honorable Myron H. Thompson, United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, 2011-2012

Notable Representations

Two of my current cases include:

Ballenguee v. Whiting Petroleum – Defending Whiting Petroleum Corporation in a Texas state court against claims it tortiously interfered with a purchase and sale agreement for Bakken crude oil. The case is pending in Dallas County, Texas.

Brand et al. v. Promega et al. – Representing a group of minority shareholders in Promega Corporation alleging shareholder oppression by the company and its controlling shareholder, William Linton. The case is pending in Dane County, Wisconsin.

Some of my recent cases include:

Energy Industry JOA Dispute – Won a \$19.4 million award (100% of damages sought, plus interest) in a confidential energy industry arbitration involving obligations under a joint operating agreement. The nature of the dispute and specifics about the award are confidential.

Energy Industry Joint Venture Dispute – Successfully defended a publicly traded energy industry client against breach of contract and tort claims arising out of a joint venture agreement. Plaintiff's expert had calculated approximately \$160 million in damages. We settled the case on highly favorable terms on the eve of arbitration. The settlement amount is confidential.

Insurance Coverage Dispute – Recovered more than ten million dollars in settlements on behalf of publicly traded energy industry client that had been wrongfully denied coverage by its D & O carriers.

Patent Litigation – Represented individual inventors and patent owners, Amit Jaipuria and Pradeep Jaipuria, in patent litigation against LinkedIn filed in a Texas federal court. The case settled for a confidential sum on the eve of trial.

Price Fixing (Antitrust) – Recovered tens of millions of dollars on behalf of a Fortune 100 corporation alleging price fixing by many of the world's biggest technology manufacturers.

Honors and Distinctions

Selected as a "Rising Star" by *Law & Politics Magazine* 2017 - 2020 (Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters)

Articles Editor, *Columbia Law Review*, Vol. 109

James Kent Scholar (2007-2010)

Hamilton Fellow

Professional Associations and Memberships

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of New York