



## Adam Carlis Partner

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### 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 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

***Ballengee 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.*** [Secured more than \\$300 million](#) — one of the largest shareholder oppression recoveries in the U.S. — for minority shareholders in Promega Corp., on claims related to control, governance, liquidity, and valuation after a month-long trial. The extremely favorable settlement occurred after the judge announced that she was “strongly leaning to find oppression here.” Promega ultimately acquired our clients’ shares for a very substantial premium over the pre-suit redemption price and the valuation Promega argued at trial. ([Texas Lawyer](#), [Wisconsin State Journal reporting – filing, trial, and resolution](#))

***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 – 2021 (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

