



## Matthew Behncke

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### *Overview*

Mr. Behncke represents both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of commercial litigation in federal courts, state courts, and arbitrations. Mr. Behncke joined Susman Godfrey after clerking for a federal court of appeals judge. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Behncke was a player in Major League Soccer where he played for both FC Dallas and Real Salt Lake and represented the players as FC Dallas player representative in negotiating Major League Soccer's first collective bargaining agreement.

### *Honors & Distinctions*

- Lawdragon 500 "Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers" ([2020](#), [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#))
- Recognized on *Benchmark Litigation* "40 and Under Hot List" ([2019](#), [2020](#))
- Named a "Texas Rising Star" by Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters, 2015, 2016). Rising Stars lists are comprised of the top 2.5% of attorneys in each state annually and are based upon peer nominations, independent research, and peer evaluations.
- Texas Law Review, Chief Articles Editor, Volume 87
- William Winston Roper Award, 2002, awarded to Princeton's top male student-athlete of high scholastic rank
- William and Peggy Cotton Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law
- Princeton University Men's Soccer Captain, 2000-2001, All-Ivy League Selection 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001; 1998 Ivy League Rookie of the Year, 1998; Selected by FC Dallas with the 18th overall pick in the 2002 Major League Soccer SuperDraft.

## *Clerkships*

Honorable John M. Rogers, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2009-2020

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## *Admissions*

### **Bar Admissions**

- Texas
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### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

## *Wins*

Susman Godfrey Wins \$706.2 Million Jury Verdict for Client HouseCanary Against Quicken Loans Affiliate Title Source Inc.

## *Leadership & Professional Memberships*

- Member of the MLSPA Bargaining Committee that negotiated the first collective