



## Max Straus Associate

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### Overview

Max Straus joined Susman Godfrey after clerking on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, first for Judge Richard Posner and then for Chief Judge Diane Wood. Mr. Straus graduated magna cum laude from both Brown University and Harvard Law School. He also holds masters degrees in history from the University of Cambridge and Harvard University.

In a recent oil and gas royalty class action, Mr. Straus and a team from Susman Godfrey secured a complete defensive win for Apache Corporation when Chief Judge H. Lee Rosenthal from the Southern District of Texas granted in full a motion to dismiss a royalty class action brought by a putative class of plaintiffs who alleged – contrary to existing law – that Apache breached thousands of mineral leases by allegedly underpaying royalties. [Read more.](#)

### Education

Brown University (A.B. with Honors in History, *magna cum laude*)

University of Cambridge (M.Phil. in Early Modern History with Distinction)

Harvard University (A.M. in History)

Harvard Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*)

### Clerkship

The Honorable Richard Posner, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

The Honorable Diane Wood, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

### Honors and Distinctions

Rising Star, New York Super Lawyers (2020 – 2022, Thomson Reuters)

Articles Editor, *Harvard Law Review*

Fellowship in Law and Graduate Studies

Phi Beta Kappa

## Publications

Recent Case, 129 Harv. L. Rev. 1811 (2016)

## Professional Associations and Memberships

New York State Bar

U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Southern District of New York

Eastern District of New York

Northern District of New York