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## Practice Focus

Class Actions/Mass Actions/MDLs

Environmental

International Arbitration

Lender Liability

Ponzi/Banking Schemes

Securities and Antitrust

## About

**Benjamin Reichard** maintains a diverse practice that includes securities arbitration, construction disputes, environmental law, and general commercial litigation, and he leads the firm's international arbitration practice.

**“Securities litigator Ben Reichard continues to make waves as a burgeoning investor-fraud authority.” —Benchmark Litigation**

Ben thrives on being told a case is unwinnable, a theory of liability is unprovable, or a defendant is untouchable. He excels on the firm's most challenging cases by immersing himself in the facts of the case and then following every lead that might help his client's cause, all with his determination and creativity on full display.

Ben was among the group of lead counsel for investors defrauded in R. Allen Stanford's \$7 billion Ponzi scheme. In their [lawsuit](#), investors alleged that five banks aided and abetted or knowingly participated in the scheme. Settlements totaling \$1.6 billion were reached with five bank defendants on the eve of trial.

He represents the Official Stanford Investors Committee in litigation against The Bank of New York Mellon arising from the Stanford Ponzi scheme and represents other investment fraud victims in federal court and private arbitration proceedings against third-party aiders. He also has represented individual investors in state court pursuing third-party liability claims stemming from Ponzi schemes.

In other arbitration matters, Ben has represented a range of clients—from individual investors to hedge funds to banks—in proceedings against prime brokers, auditors, clearing brokers, broker-dealers, and financial advisors. He also has extensive experience in complex ERISA and antitrust litigation.

Ben's international arbitration practice focuses on investor-state disputes. He serves as lead counsel for contractors, developers, financial consortiums and individual investors in confidential arbitrations against sovereign nations arising from large-scale construction, infrastructure and industrial development projects valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars, as well as disputes involving government misconduct and failures to protect investor interests.

Ben is a Louisiana Fellow of the [American Bar Foundation](#). He is also a member of the [International Bar Association](#) and the [New Orleans Bar Association](#).

## Experience

Ben's experience includes representing:

- The Official Stanford Investors Committee (OSIC), with claimed damages exceeding \$5 billion, resulting from the infamous Stanford International Bank certificate of deposit Ponzi scheme in *The Official Stanford Investors Committee. v. Bank of New York Mellon* (24-cv-3070 N.D. Tex.); OSIC's claims include aiding and abetting in the breach of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting fraud related to BNYM's role in providing banking services to Stanford International Bank and its affiliated entities, facilitating investors' purchases of fraudulent CDs.
- Individuals and the Official Stanford Investor's Committee against five banks, with particular concentration on claims against Trustmark National Bank and Independent Bank of Texas (formerly known as Bank of Houston), in a lawsuit alleging the banks' aiding and abetting of the \$7 billion Ponzi scheme perpetrated by R. Allen Stanford; settlements of \$100 million were reached with both Trustmark and Bank of Houston in early 2023, with total recoveries from all five bank defendants (The Toronto-Dominion Bank, Société Générale Private Banking (Suisse) S.A., HSBC Bank plc, Trustmark, and Bank of Houston) amounting to more than \$1.6 billion.
- The Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East in a highly-publicized coastal land loss case against dozens of oil and gas production and development corporations and in a related challenge to a recently-enacted Louisiana statute.
- Individual landowners in claims involving large scale environmental damage caused by oil and gas operations on their property.
- An energy-transport startup company against Cargill, Inc. and Cargill's local affiliate, asserting breach of contract and tortious interference with contract following collapse of a transportation facilities project valued at \$1 billion.

## Recognitions

- [Legal 500: New Orleans Elite](#), Band 2, Commercial Disputes, 2026
- [Benchmark Litigation](#): "Litigation Star"
- [New Orleans Magazine: Top Lawyers](#), International Arbitration, 2024

## Credentials

Education

Admissions

- J.D., *high honors*, from Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2008
  - Order of the Coif
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Amherst College, 2001
- Louisiana
- Texas
- Colorado
- Washington
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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