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Practice Focus

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Class Actions/Mass Actions/MDLs

Environmental

Fraudulent Transfer and Specialized Bankruptcy Litigation

Insurance Coverage

Lender Liability

Ponzi/Banking Schemes

Real Estate Litigation

About

Brent Barriere has over 40 years of experience litigating commercial cases, both at Fishman Haygood and at Phelps Dunbar, his former firm. He represents clients in a wide variety of commercial disputes, including bankruptcy and creditors' rights, securities litigation, breach of contract, business valuation disputes, director and officer claims, error and omission claims, and class actions.

“Brent is one of the most talented and experienced trial attorneys for complex commercial litigation.” —Litigation: General Commercial Client, *Chambers and Partners*

Brent has developed a national practice representing trustees and receivers in complex litigation. His work includes serving as receiver's counsel in *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Arthur Lamar Adams and Madison Timber Properties, LLC*, a case arising from a \$100 million Ponzi scheme that defrauded hundreds of investors, and as litigation counsel to the trustee in *Jalbert v. Raymond James & Associates et al.*, involving a failed \$330 million bond issuance to construct a wood pellet manufacturing facility in Urania, Louisiana. He has also represented the trustee of Cox Operating, LLC and its affiliates in pursuing director and officer liability and fraudulent conveyance claims.

Brent has been named one of Louisiana's Top 10 Litigators by *The National Law Journal*. Since 2023, he has been recognized by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 Leading Litigators in America. He is also recognized by Benchmark Litigation and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Super Lawyers*®.

Brent also is among a select group of lawyers recognized as top litigators listed in a nationwide client survey published in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Chambers and Partners calls Brent "really top-notch" and "very creative" and says he is a "'polished' and 'tenacious' advocate with excellent instincts and an industrious work ethic."

Brent is an active member of both the New Orleans Bar Association and the Louisiana State Bar Association, having served on the latter's various bankruptcy committees, as well as the LSBA's House of Delegates and Budget Committee. He is a member of the [American College of Trial Lawyers](#) and a fellow in the [International Society of Barristers](#).

Brent frequently lectures on litigation techniques, fiduciary duty litigation, evidence, and other litigation related topics.

Experience

- Chief counsel to the receiver in *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Arthur Lamar Adams and Madison Timber Properties, LLC*, No. 3:18-cv-00252 (S.D. Miss), in which the S.E.C. charged the defendants with operating a \$100 million Ponzi scheme.
- Represents Chapter 11 unsecured creditors' committee in action to recover against New York senior living facility's directors and officers for their mismanagement and breaches of fiduciary duty.
- Represents Texas bankruptcy trustee in action to recover prepayment penalties assessed by lenders to insolvent corporation and in related action against corporation's directors and officers for mismanagement and breaches of fiduciary duty.
- Represents New York creditor trustee in action to recover against directors of global watch manufacturer for breaches of fiduciary duty.
- Represents Chapter 11 debtor in action to recover against Louisiana debtor's directors and officers for mismanagement and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represents Louisiana bankruptcy trustee in fraudulent transfer actions and an action to recover from directors and officers for their mismanagement and breaches of fiduciary duty.

- Represents Mississippi bankruptcy trustee in action to recover from a Mississippi public hospital's directors and officers damages for their mismanagement and breaches of fiduciary duties; obtained favorable rulings in the Mississippi Supreme Court and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, *see Lefoldt v. Rentfro*, No. 2017-FC-00486-SCT, 2017 WL 6379448 (Miss. Dec. 14, 2017) and *Lefoldt v. Rentfro*, 709 Fed. App'x 291 (5th Cir. Jan. 16, 2018); continues to pursue claims against the public hospital's auditor for professional malpractice.
- Represented Alabama liquidating trustee in action to recover against directors and officers for breaches of fiduciary duty and in actions to recover fraudulent transfers and pierce the corporate veil of related entities.
- Represented Chapter 7 trustee in action to recover against Alabama debtor's directors and officers for breaches of fiduciary duty and in actions to recover fraudulent transfers.
- Served as special litigation counsel for purposes of prosecuting action against Louisiana debtor's directors and officers.
- Represented Chapter 7 trustee in actions, arising from an Alabama Ponzi scheme, against directors for breach of fiduciary duty and gross mismanagement and against suppliers and vendors to recover fraudulent transfers.
- Represented Louisiana Chapter 11 trustee in action to recover oil and gas properties.
- Represented Louisiana bankruptcy trustee in action against Ingalls Shipbuilding arising from destruction of debtor's property.
- Represented bankruptcy trustee in action against Mississippi debtor grocery chain's directors and officers, legal counsel, lenders, and control persons.

Recognitions

- **Chambers USA:** Band 1, Litigation: General Commercial, *since 2004*
- **Legal 500: New Orleans Elite,** Band 1, Commercial Disputes, *2026*
- **Benchmark Litigation:** "Litigation Star"
- **Lawdragon:** 500 Leading Lawyers in America, *2026*
- **Lawdragon:** 500 Leading Litigators in America, *since 2023*
- **Lawdragon:** 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers, *2024-2026*
- **New Orleans Magazine: Top Lawyers** Commercial Litigation, *2025*
- **Inside New Orleans: Readers' Favorite Elite Lawyers,** Commercial Litigation, *2025*
- **New Orleans Magazine: Top Lawyers,** Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, *2023; 2024*
- **New Orleans CityBusiness:** Leader in Law, *2011*
- **Super Lawyers:** Business Litigation, Bankruptcy, *2007-2026*
- **The Best Lawyers in America®** in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, and Commercial Litigation, *since 2003*

- **National Law Journal:** Top Ten Louisiana Litigators

Media

Publications

Presentations

Interviews

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- Speaker, “Professionalism: Looking Back,” Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics & Professionalism: Watch Your P’s and Q’s CLE program, December 6, 2024.
- Speaker, “The Intersection of ‘Mass Torts’ and Bankruptcy,” Louisiana State Bar Association Complex Litigation Symposium, November 8, 2024.
- Speaker, “The Intersection of Multidistrict Litigation and Bankruptcy,” American Association of Justice Annual Convention mass torts program CLE, July 19, 2024.
- Speaker, “The Defendant Filed for Bankruptcy: So Now What Do You Do?” Injury Board webinar, May 16, 2024.
- Speaker, “The Opening Statement,” Pretoria Society of Advocates and the American College of Trial Lawyers trial advocacy workshop, April 8, 2024.

Interviews content

Credentials

Education

Clerkships

Admissions

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Tulane University School of Law, 1981
 - Articles Editor of the Tulane Law Review
 - Order of the Coif
- B.A., *with honors*, from Hamilton College, 1977
- Honorable of the King County, 1993-2025
- Louisiana
- Texas
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Recent News

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Mar 27, 2026

Super Lawyers® Recognizes 25 Fishman Haygood Attorneys & Names Bendana, Herman, Manthey, and Nobles to "Top" Lists

Notable Rankings



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