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**Rob Wilkins is an experienced commercial litigator handling bet-the-company cases.**

Rob has represented both plaintiffs and defendants for 20 years in a broad range of high-stakes matters. He has a particular focus on commercial litigation in the oil, gas and energy sectors, with an emphasis on litigation finance, business divorce cases, fiduciary issues, breach of contract claims, securities disputes and other related conflicts. He has also worked on matters involving personal injury, torts, condemnation, First Amendment, and intellectual property for clients in a variety of industries.

Approaching his cases with a business-oriented focus, Rob strives to achieve the best result for the company he is representing, whether it is a quick resolution or taking a matter to trial. He has tried cases in state and federal courts in Texas and around the country. He has likewise handled arbitrations of all types, including international arbitration with millions of dollars at stake. Some of Rob's recent matters include:

- Representing a multinational equipment rental company in a catastrophic injury matter involving aspects of construction law, OSHA, indemnification and tort law, to settle for a fraction of the amount claimed.
- Representing shareholders in a closely held corporation in successfully negotiating a sale of their interests in a boat dealership, at fair market value.
- Representing a cement company in contesting an arrest of goods while also fighting an international arbitration pending in London based on claims of demurrage.
- Arbitrating a large shareholder dispute quickly and providing both parties with a successful outcome.

Before attending law school, Rob spent two years working in the commercial lending department at Mashreq Bank in Dubai, UAE. After law school, Rob spent several years at a global law firm, where he

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**PRACTICE AREAS**

Arbitration & Mediation Services  
Commercial Litigation  
Corporate Plaintiff's Litigation

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**EDUCATION**

University of Texas School of Law (J.D., *with honors*)  
University of Texas (B.A.)

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**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Texas

gained a wealth of experience representing clients in high-value, complex disputes that often had bet-the-company implications. He put that knowledge and skill set to good use at his own boutique litigation firm before joining Lightfoot. Trusted by his clients and respected by opponents, Rob has been named to Thomson Reuters' Texas Super Lawyers list since 2014.

Rob was born and raised in Houston and Galveston. When he is not working, he spends his free time hunting, fishing, shooting sporting clays and generally enjoying the outdoors with his wife Carol, their son Cameron and their golden retriever Bailey. He is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, the Houston Racquet Club, the Greater Houston Gun Club, and the Knights of Momus.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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American Bar Association

Houston Bar Association

Houston Young Lawyers Association

Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

## AWARDS

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*Texas Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, "Rising Star" — Business Litigation (2009-13)

*Texas Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters — Business Litigation (2014-23)

## COURT ADMISSIONS

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas