

**John F. Martin**

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B.A., University of Texas at Arlington, 1994

Practice Areas:[Employment Law](#), [Litigation](#), [Workplace Safety and Health](#)

John Martin focuses his practice on litigation and on occupational safety and health issues. He serves as national OSHA counsel for three publicly-traded companies, and has over 14 years of experience in defending employers in federal court and before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC). John also advises and represents employers on whistleblower cases and obtaining variances from OSHA.

John also consults employers and industry groups on federal and state safety regulations and ongoing rulemaking and legislation. In addition, John's practice includes frequent litigation involving contracts, intellectual property, and the constantly-evolving field of internet law. He has represented clients in federal and state courts all across the country, up to the Supreme Court of the United States.

John represents employers in a wide range of industries, including oil and gas exploration, drilling, well servicing, manufacturing/distributing, nutritional supplements, software development, alcohol distribution, and sports franchises.

**Admitted to Practice:**

Texas

U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern Districts of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth and Seventh Circuits

U.S. Supreme Court

Honors and Awards:

- AV Rated by Marindale-Hubbell
- Articles Editor, *Texas Tech Law Review*
- Selected as a 'Rising Star' by *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics* Magazines (2005-2008)
- College of the State Bar of Texas

Experience:

- Represented well services company in OSHRC proceedings, obtaining dismissal of all claims on serious OSHA citations issued as a result of Otto Cummings gas well blowout near Bryceland, Louisiana (reported at 2003 OSAHRC LEXIS 80; 20 OSHC (BNA) 1286; 2002 OSHD (CCH) P32,675)).
- Represented well services company in Michigan OSHA (MIOSHA) proceedings, obtaining dismissal of all three serious MIOSHA citations issued.
- Represented well services company in Michigan OSHA (MIOSHA) proceedings, obtaining a dismissal of nine out of then serious MIOSHA citations issued.
- Represented oilfield services company in complex litigation involving largest gas well blowout on land in U.S. history (Otto Cummings Alt Well No. 2 near Bryceland, Louisiana)
- Represented nutritional supplements company in securities fraud, RICO, and civil fraud class action, resulting in dismissal of all claims against clients (reported at 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18256 (N.D. Texas 2007), *aff'd*, 273 Fed. Appx. 316 (5th Cir. 2008), *cert. denied*, 555 U.S. 1085 (2008)).
- Represented nutritional supplements company in distributor dispute in Illinois, resulting in dismissal of claims against client for improper venue and affirmed on appeal (reported at 438 F.3d 759 (7th Cir. 2006)).
- Represented NFL team, owner, and president in copyright infringement litigation over Super Bowl rings.
- Represented NFL team and head coach in copyright infringement lawsuit over cable television show, resulting in dismissal of claims against clients on 12(b) motion (reported at *Davis v. Billick*, 2002 WL 1398560 (N.D. Tex. 2002)).
- Represented family in real estate contract dispute in South Padre Island, Texas resulting in grant of summary judgment in favor of clients and affirmed on appeal (reported at 139 S.W.3d 759 (Tex. App.-Corpus Christi 2004, no pet.).
- Represented radio personality in domain name cybersquatting action, resulting in judgment in favor of client and turnover of domain name to client (reported at 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 13253 (N.D. Texas 2005)).

Professional Activities:

- American Bar Association (Occupational Safety and Health Subcommittee)
- Dallas Bar Association
- Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation (2000-present)
- Association of Energy Service Companies (advisor)

Media Quotes:

- June 11, 2013 - [Law360](#) - "Class Action Attorneys React to High Court's Arbitration Ruling"
- May/June 2012 - [Well Servicing Magazine](#) - "Urgent: Lawyers Needed; Shale Plays Have Created an Unprecedented Demand for Legal Representation"

Published works:

- July/August 2012 - Well Servicing Magazine - "OSHA's FRC Memorandum Tossed"
- 1996 - A Guide to the Basics of Law Practice - "Starting Your Own Practice"