

Robert F. Johnson Special Counsel

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Litigation lawyer Robert (Rob) Johnson focuses his practice on complex litigation disputes and appeals across a wide range of industries, often representing companies and owners as individuals who are of interest to the Texas Attorney General's office. He represents local, regional, and national clients and has been involved in matters dealing with:

- Open records (PIA and FOIA litigation) and open meetings issues
- Sovereign immunity and 11th Amendment
- Civil investigative demand
- Medicaid fraud and consumer protection
- Agency regulatory investigations, actions, and contested hearings
- International jurisdictional and venue issues
- Injunctions and restraining orders
- Frozen assets, both corporate and individual

In addition to his steadfast courtroom demeanor, clients – both large and small – turn to Rob for his experienced counsel regarding risk management, trade secret protection, and litigation avoidance. Rob is also a trained mediator.

Prior to joining the firm, Rob served for more than five years as an assistant attorney general in Austin, focusing on employment and civil rights law, as well as defending the constitutionality of Texas statutes and rules. He defended state agencies and officials in both state and federal trials and appeals. Before the Office of the Texas Attorney General, Rob was a litigator for a local Austin law firm, and he served as a staff attorney for the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, also in Austin.

Awards and Recognition

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Government Contracts (2021-2023)

Affiliations

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Austin Bar Association (cast member, annual AYLA Bar & Grill show)
 - CLE Presenter at 2015 Austin Bench Bar Conference

Community Involvement

- Elder, Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church (2013-present)
 - Chair, Personnel Committee and Denominational Discernment Committee
- Director, Circle C Homeowners Association (2007-2013)
 - President (2008)
 - Vice President (2007)
- Elder, Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church (2013-present)
 - Chair, Personnel Committee and Denominational Relationships Committee
- Texas Choral Consort – Bass
- Mentor, Kids Hope USA – mentoring at-risk first grader at local elementary school
- Volunteer, Austin Disaster Relief Network – providing local disaster response
- Former Vice President, Cherry Creek on Brodie Neighborhood Association (2000-2004)
- Former President, Windermere Homeowners Association (1995-2000)
- Former Chair, Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations (1998-2000)
- Former Member, Pflugerville Airport Steering Committee (1999, 2000)

Sectors

- [Racial Justice & Equity](#)

Practice Areas

- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Corporate](#)
- [Government Solutions](#)
- [State Attorneys General](#)

Education

- Baylor University School of Law (J.D., 1991)
 - Student Class Vice President, Student Bar Association
 - Top Ten Speakers List, Strasburger & Price Moot Court Competition
 - Member, American Bar Association Client Counseling Team
 - Member, Baylor Order of the Barristers
- Trinity University (B.A., 1989)

- Philosophy (legal theory concentration)
- Economics
- State Treasurer, College Republicans
- Certified Competent Toastmaster, Toastmasters International

Admissions

- Texas (1991)
- Texas State Courts (1991)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Sixth Circuits