



Tomas Castella

COUNSEL

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Overview

Tomas Castella focuses his practice on complex civil litigation and government investigations. He has represented individuals and companies in investigations and a wide range of civil suits in state and federal courts across the country. His clients have spanned the technology, entertainment, transportation, and biotechnology industries. A dual citizen of the United States and Mexico, Tomas is a fluent Spanish speaker and has handled several matters focused on Latin America.

Tomas received his J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law and a dual B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Boston College. While at the University of Texas, he served on the executive board of the *Texas Law Review*.

Tomas began his legal career as a clerk for Judge David A. Ezra of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas and Judge Edward C. Prado of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Prior to joining Scott Douglass & McConnico, Tomas spent seven years as an associate with Williams & Connolly in Washington D.C.

Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Tomas's experience includes:

- Representing a technology company in complex civil litigation involving the preparation of multiple bellwether cases for trial.
- Representing a non-profit organization in a civil lawsuit brought by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Western District of Texas. The case was dismissed with prejudice.*
- Representing a multinational technology company in antitrust investigations conducted by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), various state attorney generals, and foreign regulators.*
- Representing a global media company in a criminal investigation by the DOJ and a related civil RICO lawsuit stemming from alleged conduct in South America.*

- Defending an international law firm in a malpractice action brought by a Brazilian industrial conglomerate embroiled in a government corruption probe.*
- Defending a biotechnology company in an antitrust lawsuit alleging that the company maintained a monopoly and/or agreed to restrain trade.*
- Representing an international non-profit organization and its executives in a tax investigation and related civil litigation against the DOJ and Internal Revenue Service (IRS).*
- Advising a South American diplomatic official on a U.S. privacy law issue.*
- Representing a national accounting firm in a professional malpractice action against a title insurance company.*
- Successfully winning asylum for a Salvadorian mother and young child who faced death threats from MS-13 and were separated at the U.S. border. Following protracted litigation and a contentious merits hearing, the judge ruled in their favor on multiple, independent grounds.*

(*denotes experience prior to joining Scott, Douglass & McConnico L.L.P.)

Awards

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinder, 2023

News & Insights

- SDM Expands Practice Depth with Addition of Five Attorneys

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Business Litigation & Torts
- Governmental Entity Litigation
- Securities & Complex Financial Litigation
- White Collar Defense & Government Investigations Group

Education

The University of Texas School of Law, J.D. with honors, 2016

Boston College, B.A. in Economics, B.A. in Political Science, 2011

Admissions

Texas

District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Courts for the District of Columbia and the Western District of Texas

Activities

Austin Bar Association

Hispanic National Bar Association