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Education

J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law B.B.A. from Southern Methodist University *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Supreme Court of South Dakota Supreme Court of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the First, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Circuits

United States Court of Federal Claims

United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan

United States Supreme Court United States Tax Court

Related Practices

Environmental
Condemnation & Eminent Domain
Environmental Litigation
Regulatory Law
Litigation

Overview

With nearly 40 years of experience, Rick focuses his practice on litigation and counseling, with a strong emphasis on civil and criminal governmental and environmental litigation and regulation. Rick routinely represents corporations, individuals and organizations in matters concerning:

- Litigation and administrative proceedings involving the Comprehensive Environmental Compensation Liability Act ("CERCLA") Clean Water Act (CWA), Clean Air Act (CAA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), Resource Conservation Recovery Act ("RCRA") and comparable state laws.
- Civil and criminal investigations in the areas of the Federal False Claims Act, Medicare and Health Care fraud, federal and state environmental and regulatory enforcement.
- Complex litigation and disputes in areas such as condemnation, real estate, food safety, land use and contracts.



Energy Litigation Real Estate Litigation

Related Industries

Energy Manufacturing Transportation

Achievements

D Magazine – Best Lawyers in Dallas (2021, 2023-2024)

Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent®, Peer Review Rated

Thomson Reuters – Texas Super Lawyers (2007-2019);

Texas Super Lawyers, Environmental Law – Business

Edition & Corporate Counsel Edition (2009, 2014)

Woodward/White, Inc. – Best Lawyers in America, "Lawyer of the Year" (2013-2014, 2018); Best Lawyers in America, Environmental Law (2006-2025); Best Lawyers in America, Litigation – Environmental (2011-2025)

Memberships

American Bar Association
Dallas Bar Association, Environmental Law Section
State Bar of Texas, Environmental and Natural Resources
Section
Texas Bar Foundation

Experience

Manufacturing Litigation + Appeal

Represented a nationwide manufacturer in CERCLA cost recovery action and appeals concerning lead contaminated facilities in Pennsylvania.

Food Safety Litigation

Represented a nationwide food products distributor in multi-forum (U.S./Finland) litigation concerning food quality and arbitration rights.



Real Estate Condemnation

Represented a nationwide real estate developer in combined condemnation and NEPA matters involving construction of urban light rail/subway project.

Manufacturing Litigation

Representation of worldwide oil field service manufacturer in combined state enforcement and related CERCLA, RCRA and Safe Drinking Water Act matters.

Environmental Litigation

Representing ranch owners (approximately 26,000 acres) in litigation involving a salt water disposal well blowout and related damage.

Environmental Litigation

Representing a major electric utility provider before the public utility commission in connection with the rate recovery of environmental retrofits on coal plants to control pollution emissions.

Manufacturing Litigation + Appeal

Represented a nationwide manufacturer in Federal Tort Claims Act suit and appeals in connection with U.S. Government misconduct.

Newsroom

Press Release: Fifty-Eight (58) Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored in 2025 Best Lawyers in America Directory

Press Release: Thirteen (13) Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named to D Magazine's 2024 "Best Lawyers in Dallas" Directory

Press Release: 'Best Lawyers in America®' Names 51 Munsch Hardt Attorneys to its 2024 List and Two as 'Lawyers of the Year'

Press Release: Eight Munsch Hardt Lawyers Recognized in D Magazine's 2023 List of "Best Lawyers in Dallas"

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2023 'Best Lawyers in America®,' 'Ones to Watch', and 'Lawyer of the Year'

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as 2022 'Best Lawyers in America', 'Ones to Watch' and 'Lawyer of the Year'

Press Release: Eleven Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named "Best Lawyers in Dallas" by D Magazine





Press Release: Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as '2021 Best Lawyers in America' and 'Ones to Watch'

Speech: Hotel Owners + The Novel Coronavirus Webinars

Press Release: Sixteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized on 2019 Texas Super Lawyers List

Press Release: Twenty-Three Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as '2020 Best Lawyers in America'

Press Release: Fourteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Included on 2018 Texas Super Lawyers List

Press Release: Eighteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2019 "Best Lawyers in America

Press Release: Fourteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2017 Texas Super Lawyers

Press Release: Fifteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Honored as '2018 Best Lawyers in America'

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Congratulates its 13 Texas Super Lawyers

Press Release: 5 Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2016 Best Lawyers in Dallas by D Magazine

Press Release: Seventeen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2017 Best Lawyers in America

In The News: Trinity Industries pursues \$4.4 MM claim after EPA-FBI agents' extramarital affair

Press Release: Twelve Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 2015 Texas Super Lawyers

Press Release: Fifteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 'Best Lawyers in America 2016'

Press Release: Fifteen Munsch Hardt Attorneys Recognized as 'Best Lawyers in America 2015'

Article: Can Pipelines Prevail?

In The News: Memo Could Be Catalyst In Audit Battle