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Harvard Law School (J.D.,
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University of Texas at El Paso
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Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Commercial Litigation
- Energy
- Oil & Gas Litigation



Israel R. Silvas is a Shareholder in the Dallas offices of Godwin Bowman PC. He has counseled clients (both plaintiffs and defendants) in cases pending in Texas state courts, federal courts, and arbitration proceedings. He has experience with a broad scope of complex litigation disputes, including Oil & Gas, Environmental, Energy, Antitrust, Tortious Interference, Deceptive Trade Practices, Unfair Competition, Qui Tam, Contract, Probate, Securities, and Fraud. Mr. Silvas also has experience with class action lawsuits and multi-district litigation. He was also a member of the Firm's Halliburton Trial Team, working in connection with all civil litigation and investigations concerning BP's Macondo well blowout (Deepwater Horizon) in the Gulf of Mexico, the largest environmental lawsuit in the history of the United States. His experience also includes drafting, negotiating, and revising Purchase & Sale Agreements, Mineral Deeds, Mineral Leases, Royalty Conveyances, Releases and Indemnification Agreements.

Reflecting the excellence of his practice, Mr. Silvas has been honored with 7-time selection to the list of Thomson Reuters' "Texas Rising Stars" honoring the top young lawyers in Texas, and has been named to the National Diversity Council's list of the "Top 50 Multicultural Lawyers in Dallas". He has also received a 10.0 rating from AVVO.com, the organization's highest rank.

Mr. Silvas graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at El Paso in 2001 and a doctorate of jurisprudence from Harvard Law School in 2004. Following his graduation from law school, he clerked for United States District Judge Philip R. Martinez.

Representative Experience

- As lead attorney and first chair on a four-day jury trial team, prosecuted breach of contract claims.
- Lead associate charged with securing complete jury verdict in favor of financial services client on claims of breach of contract and deceptive trade practices.

Representative Experience (con't)

- Assisted in the representation of a leading healthcare group purchasing organization in a case seeking monetary damages in excess of \$200 million. The opposing party alleged that the company conspired to monopolize the relevant markets by providing bundled or packaged discount plans.

Admissions

- State Courts of Texas, 2005
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Northern District of Texas, 2005
- Southern District of Texas, 2010
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2011

Legal Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Hispanic Bar Association
- Dallas Young Lawyers Association

Honors & Awards

- 7-time selection to the list of Thomson Reuters' *Texas Rising Stars* (2012-2018)
- *Top 50 Multicultural Lawyers in Dallas*, National Diversity Council, 2017
- "Superb" 10.0 Rating by AVVO.com