

# CHAD J. KUTMAS

## Shareholder and Director

### Practice Areas

- Civil litigation, state and federal
- General Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Business Formation
- Corporate Governance
- Business Transactions
- Business Restructuring
- Real Estate
- Employment
- Energy/Oil and Gas
- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy
- Healthcare
- Appeals in Federal and State Courts

### Education

- Washington University School of Law, J.D., 2003
- University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D. 2002
- Indiana University, B.A., 2000
- University of Arkansas, B.A. 1999

### Admissions/Professional Involvement

- Oklahoma Bar Association
- Tulsa County Bar Association
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Chad J. Kutmas received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas in 1999 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 2002. While in law school, Mr. Kutmas served as Articles Research Editor for the Tulsa Law Review. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Kutmas served for two years as law clerk to the Honorable Terrence L. Michael, Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Mr. Kutmas joined the firm as a partner in 2020 and comes with nearly two decades of experience in both corporate matters and civil litigation. His practice includes business litigation, transactions, employment matters, and corporate formation, among other things. He also has extensive experience in restructuring and bankruptcy matters. Throughout his career, Mr. Kutmas has represented creditors, trustees, creditors' committees, and corporate debtors in bankruptcy litigation and transactions, workouts, reorganizations, and creditors' rights in local, regional, and national cases. Over the years, he has been involved in significant litigation and commercial matters in various and varied industries, including oil and gas, banking and finance, aviation, and healthcare, among other industries.

Mr. Kutmas was named a Rising Star in 2009 and 2010 by Oklahoma Super Lawyers, and was recognized by Best Lawyers in 2020 for his work in bankruptcy, creditor/debtor rights, insolvency, and reorganization law.

Mr. Kutmas is admitted to the bar of the State of Oklahoma and is admitted in the United States district courts for the Eastern, Northern, and Western districts of Oklahoma, as well as the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, Mr. Kutmas has actively litigated and appeared in over a dozen separate federal district courts, including the Southern District of Texas, the Southern District of New York, and the District of Delaware.