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Ryan Scharnell practices in the areas of civil, business and appellate litigation primarily focusing on energy and employment disputes. Mr. Scharnell has represented clients in both trial and appellate litigation matters and has served as trial counsel in both jury and non-jury trials in state and federal courts. His experience involves commercial matters, employment and labor, energy, and other business and complex litigation. He has conducted several corporate investigations of personnel-related matters, regulatory compliance, and whistleblower complaints.

Mr. Scharnell earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and his Juris Doctor degree magna cum laude from Southern Methodist University School of Law, where he was selected for membership in the Order of the Coif. He is a member of the America Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Tulsa County Bar Association.

Experience

- Co-counsel in federal trial involving claims by former employee of wrongful termination and whistleblower protection.
- Co-counsel in state trial concerning a dispute over an oil and gas agreement effecting ownership and participation in horizontal wells.
- Lead counsel in state jury trial on breach of contract and unjust enrichment claims involving personal property dispute.
- Co-counsel in state trial relating to a real estate dispute between neighbors.
- Represented clients in bankruptcy court defending against claims of conspiracy and fraud.

PRACTICES

- Employment Litigation and Counseling
- Energy
- Insurance
- Insurance and Personal Injury Defense Litigation
- Insurance Defense / Personal Injury
- Labor and Employment Litigation
- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

INDUSTRIES

- Construction
- Energy
- Real Estate
- Retail

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University, *magna cum laude*
 - Order of the Coif

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- Investigated whistleblower complaint alleging federal regulatory and safety violations in the nuclear power industry.

Honors & Recognitions

Appeals Court Limits Reach Of SOX Whistleblower Protection - by Donn C. Meindertsma and Ryan T. Scharnell - April 27, 2012 (Vol. 27 No. 4)
(available at http://www.wlf.org/publishing/publication_detail.asp?id=2313)

High Court Extends Federal Whistleblower Protection to Public Companies' Private Contractors - by Donn C. Meindertsma and Ryan T. Scharnell - May 9, 2014 (Vol. 29 No. 11)
(available at http://www.wlf.org/publishing/publication_detail.asp?id=2435)

Community & Professional

American Bar Association

Oklahoma Bar Association

Tulsa County Bar Association

News

58 Conner & Winters Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®]
08.29.2025

30th Edition of Best Lawyers[®] Recognizes 67 Attorneys from Conner & Winters
08.18.2023

Conner & Winters Recognized for Supporting Tulsa Lawyers for Children
11.15.2019

Congratulations to the 59 lawyers from Conner & Winters who were recognized in The Best Lawyers in America[®] 2019.
08.15.2018

University of Texas, B.S.

ADMISSIONS

Oklahoma - 2011

U.S. District Court, N.D. of Oklahoma - 2011

U.S. District Court, W.D. of Oklahoma - 2013

U.S. District Court, E.D. of Oklahoma - 2014

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Tulsa Lawyers for Children Profiles Three Conner & Winters Attorneys
Tulsa Lawyers for Children June 2018 Newsletter, 06.12.2018

Ryan Scharnell Selected for Leadership Tulsa's Class 59
TULSA WORLD, 01.04.2018

Legal Perspective: Are you Liable if hackers steal your employees' data?
TULSA WORLD - TULSA BUSINESS & LEGAL NEWS, 04.2017

Conner & Winters Names Three New Partners

Alerts & Publications

Employment Law Alert: OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard Requires Certain Employers To Mandate
Vaccinations Or Testing Requirements
11.05.2021