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Education and Academic Affiliations

University of Houston Law Center, Juris Doctorate, May 1991
University of Iowa, Bachelor of Liberal Arts, May 1988

Academic Affiliations and Honors

Order of the Barons, Outstanding Achievement in Legal Research
Undergraduate Writer's Workshop Course Concentration, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

Professional Activities and Memberships

National Trial Lawyers Association, Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Texas
Texas Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly Magazine
National Association of Distinguished Counsel, Top 1% Recognition

Professional Associations and Memberships

Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Directors
Capital Area Trial Lawyers Association, Executive Committee
National Board of Directors of Justice for Children
Austin Bar Association's People's Law School, Co-Chair
Austin Bar Foundation, Founding Fellow
American Bar Association, Advisory Panel Member

Bar and Court Admissions

Texas
Illinois
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals
Court of Federal Claims

Austin Tighe began his legal career at Fulbright & Jaworski before practicing at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and the Austin office of 800-lawyer Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, where he was a partner in the firm's Complex Litigation Group. From 2004 to 2015, he was a partner in Feazell & Tighe LLP, which had a national class action and commercial litigation practice, including a landmark predatory lending lawsuit against major banks on behalf of the NAACP, and a class action on behalf of retired NFL players against EA Sports.

Austin has been lead counsel in more than 100 class actions filed nationwide, representing insurance policyholders, oil and gas royalty owners, and a wide range of consumers of products and services. He was lead counsel in a partnership dispute involving one of the largest sports facilities in the country, lead counsel on behalf of hundreds of federal workers on back-pay claims against the United States, and co-lead counsel representing a class of oil and gas rights owners against sixty producers in three states. Austin presently represents a number of Native American Tribes in a variety of lawsuits against the United States, the State of Connecticut, and British Petroleum. His corporate representation of Fortune 100 companies has included one of the largest automobile manufacturers in the country in catastrophic injury cases, a multibillion-dollar food delivery company in catastrophic injury cases throughout the Midwest, and a leading U.S. oil company in insurance coverage litigation in sixteen states.

Austin was ranked as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Texas by the National Trial Lawyers Association, and selected as a Super Lawyer by *Texas Monthly* magazine in its annual survey. In 2015, he was recognized by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel as being among the top one percent of attorneys in the country. He has been involved in numerous legal organizations in his twenty-five years of practicing law, most often in highly regarded leadership positions. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and on the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Trial Lawyers Association.

Austin's articles on litigation and the legal industry have been published in the *Austin Business Journal*, *DRI Industrywide Liability News*, and *LJN Product Liability Law & Strategy Journal*. He has spoken at numerous corporate and legal industry conventions and seminars, including the NAACP Seminar on Predatory Lending, the Sears/National Retailer Product Liability Seminar, and the Texas Public Interest Law Conference.

He has served as a member of the National Board of Directors of Justice for Children and co-chair of the Austin Bar Association's People's Law School, is a Founding Fellow of the Austin Bar Foundation, and in February 2012, was invited by the American Bar Association to become a member of its Advisory Panel.

Austin focuses primarily on Class Actions, Catastrophic Personal Injury, Dangerous Drug and Medical Device Litigation, Governmental and Sovereign Representation, Corporate & Reverse Contingency Representation and Complex Commercial and Business Litigation.