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## Overview

Matthew A. Bourque serves as Managing Attorney of RMO LLP's Dallas and Houston offices. A thoughtful, diligent litigator, Matthew focuses his practice on representing heirs, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, creditors, and other interested parties in contested probate, trust, guardianship, and financial elder abuse cases. As supported by his accomplished track record, Matthew is able to calmly and expertly navigate the most tumultuous situations with relative ease while securing results for his clients that allow them to move past their dispute and on with their lives.

Matthew primarily handles probate litigation matters including will contests, fiduciary litigation to recover misfunded, misapplied or misappropriated estate and trust funds, community property claims, executor and trustee removal proceedings, compelled distribution of estate and trust assets, trust accounting lawsuits, competing applications for guardianship, and establishment of common-law marriage and adoption-by-estoppel. Matthew also has significant experience handling commercial litigation incidental to probate matters.

Matthew received his juris doctor from Boston University School of Law, with a concentration in litigation and dispute resolution. He graduated magna cum laude from The George Washington University where he majored in Political Science with a minor in Spanish.

## Bar Admissions

- **Member**, State Bar of Texas
- **U.S. District Court**, for the Northern District of Texas

## Education

- **Boston University School of Law** Juris Doctor
- **The George Washington University** BA, Political Science, magna cum laude

## Awards & Recognition

- **Ones to Watch**, Trusts and Estates Litigation, Best Lawyers, 2025 -2026
- **500 X -The Next Generation**, Lawdragon, 2025

# Community & Professional Involvement

- **Board Member** – Probate Section, Collin County Bar Association
- **Member** – Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners
- **Member** – Trusts and Estates Section, Dallas Bar Association
- **Member** – Dallas Estate Planning Council
- **Executive Committee Member** – ProVisors
- **Member** – Independent Trustee Alliance

## Representative Matters

- Helped clients whose stepmother procured an invalid will from their dementia-stricken father, prevailing at trial and securing findings of bad faith, which prevented stepmother from recovering her attorney's fees from the estate.
- Removed executor who stole several hundred thousand dollars in estate funds, preserving the remainder of the estate for national charity organization clients.
- Defended elderly client against guardianship proceedings masterminded by her greedy son-in-law who attempted to take control of her multi-million-dollar estate. Proved that son-in-law acted in bad faith and forced him to pay fees and costs.
- Defended trustee against false accusations of mismanagement and theft initiated by her son's ex-wife; secured settlement that fully exonerated client.
- Obtained summary judgment proving common law marriage when client's common-law husband died in a trucking accident, which allowed client to pursue wrongful death claims worth millions.
- Negotiated family settlement agreement while navigating complex family dynamics to avoid a contentious and costly trust modification proceeding.
- Obtained emergency guardianship order for client whose rogue brother planned to kidnap their mentally incapacitated father and move him to an unsafe environment.
- Secured injunctive relief requiring the return of \$2,000,000 in unlawfully distributed estate funds held by the business partner of client's deceased mother.
- Protected client's six-figure inheritance from her beloved grandmother by defending grandmother's will against client's spiteful aunts and uncles.
- Secured highly favorable settlement over the estate of client's sister after sister's new neighbor, a non-English speaker and supposed "best friend" produced a suspicious handwritten will written in broken English.
- Won a judgment to invalidate a ladybird deed, impose a permanent injunction, award attorney's fees, and establish a widower's right to own and possess his homestead after his own son had removed him from his home based on the illegally procured deed.
- Engineered a take-nothing settlement defeating claim of co-tenant for improvements and repairs of inherited property.

## Appellate Opinions

- Williams v. Tanner, No. 05-23-00080-CV, 2023 WL 8519064 (Tex. App.—Dallas Dec. 8, 2023, no pet.)
- Transitional Entity, LP v. Elder Care, LP, No. 05-14-01615-CV, 2016 WL 3197160 (Tex. App.—Dallas May 27, 2016, no pet.).
- Golfis v. Houillion, No. 05-13-01330-CV, 2014 WL 4090141 (Tex. App.—Dallas Aug. 19, 2014, no pet.).
- Golfis v. Houillion, No. 05-15-00036-CV, 2016 WL 6236842 (Tex. App.—Dallas Oct. 25, 2016, no pet.).
- Sroka v. Bank of America, N.A., Cal. Court of Appeal, Fourth Dist., Div. 3
- Sherrill v. Williams, No. 05-14-00847-CV, 2015 WL 1910015 (Tex. App.—Dallas Apr. 28, 2015, pet. denied).

## Thought Leadership

- RMO Attorneys Recognized as 2026 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America – [Learn More](#)
- RMO Attorneys Named 2026 Best Lawyers in America® – [Learn More](#)
- Matthew A. Bourque Named to the 2025 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation – [Learn More](#)

## Speaking Engagements

- **Closing the Estate: Guidance on Executor Responsibilities**  
Strafford | 08/07/2025 | **Presenter**
- **Dear Prudence: an examination of the legal standards, practical applications, and historical backdrop of the Uniform Prudent Investor Act**  
Independent Trustee Alliance Annual Conference | 05/15/2025 | **Presenter**
- **Best Laid Plans: When Well-Intentioned Estate Plans Go Awry**  
Engage Workspace for Lawyers | 03/20/2025 | **Presenter**
- **Representing Fiduciaries: Legal Ethics for Counsel and Pitfalls to Avoid**  
Strafford | 03/19/2025 | **Co-Presenter**
- **Best Laid Plans: When Well-Intentioned Estate Plans Go Awry**  
Tarrant County Probate Bar Association | 03/06/2025 | **Presenter**
- **Navigating Breach of Trust Claims Under the Uniform Trust Code**  
Strafford | 01/17/2025 | **Panelist**