



# Alexandra Bruce Rychlak

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Alexandra "Alex" Bruce Rychlak concentrates her practice in commercial litigation.

Alexandra "Alex" Bruce Rychlak is a commercial litigator with a sharp focus on contract and partnership disputes, as well as health and organic food safety. She brings deep industry knowledge to her work, particularly in affordable housing, food and beverage, and construction.

In the food and beverage sector, Alex is a go-to advocate for clients facing high-stakes product safety claims, especially those involving baby food, including defending a multinational supermarket chain and other clients, in litigation related to food contamination and safety.

Alex regularly represents investors in the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, advising on Year 15 issues and disputes with developers across the country. Her affordable housing practice is anchored in helping leading LIHTC investors navigate complex regulatory and contractual landscapes.

Prior to joining Baker Donelson, Alex served as a clerk to the Honorable Rhesa H. Barksdale in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and completed internships in the offices of Congresswoman Martha Roby and Congressman Spencer Bachus.

## Representative Matters

- Defended and represented multiple LIHTC investors in multimillion-dollar litigation involving claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and similar theories of recovery.
- Represented a national organic food retailer in a products liability matter alleging food product contamination.
- Successful defense of a construction management joint venture against claims arising from asbestos contamination of an elementary school during major building renovations in a multi-week jury trial held in Orleans Parish, Louisiana.
- Represented an Affordable Housing Real Estate Investment Firm in connection with removal of General Partner and claims against Guarantors.
- Obtained a grant of certiorari from the United States Supreme Court and prepared a team for oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case involving allegations of heavy metals in baby foods. When accepting the petition for writ of certiorari, the Court agreed to resolve the procedural question to preserve the defense verdict entered at trial.

## Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America for Commercial Litigation (2023 – 2026)
- Selected as a Rising Star in Business Litigation (2024, 2025)
- Chair – Louisiana State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
- Louisiana State Bar Association (2017 – present)
- Federal Bar Association (2018 – present)
- Junior League of New Orleans (2018 – present)
- New Orleans Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi (2018 – present)
- President – Federalist Society New Orleans Lawyers Chapter (2019 – present)
- Saint Thomas More Catholic Lawyers' Association (2018 – present)

- Chair – Louisiana Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association (2026)



## Publications

- "Ultra/Highly Processed Foods: What You Need to Know about Recent HHS Initiatives" (January 2026)
- "How Food Manufacturers Should Prepare for Impact of MAHA Strategy Report" (September 2025)
- Co-author – "Preserving the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Public-Private Partnership: Investor Perspectives on Year-15 Exit Disputes," *Journal of Affordable Housing* (June 2022)
- "Because There Is No Money for the Monster's Ball," 33 *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* 167 (2020)
- "The John Minor Wisdom Courthouse: The Fifth Circuit's New Orleans Home," 22 *Green Bag 2d* 27 (2018)
- "A Billion Dollar Investment: The Profitability of Modifying Current Energy Regulations to Secure the Nation's Energy Supply," 17 *Appalachian Journal of Law* (2018)
- "Is Uncle Sam Stalking You? Abandoning Warrantless Electronic Surveillance to Preclude Intrusive Government Searches," 6 *Journal of Law & Cyber Warfare* 51 (2017)
- "R.A.V., and Animal Cruelty Speech: Why Congress's New Statute Remains Constitutionally Problematic," 51 *Gonzaga Law Review* 481 (2016)



## Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D., 2017, summa cum laude
  - Articles Editor – *Mississippi Law Journal*
- University of Alabama, B.A., 2010



## Admissions

- Louisiana, 2017
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2025
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2018
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, 2018