



## Joel Pruett

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### Overview

**Joel works on corporate matters, assisting in the representation of strategic buyers and sellers, private equity sponsors, and portfolio companies in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, equity financings and other investment transactions. Joel also provides public and private companies with guidance on general corporate and governance matters. His work involves all stages of a transaction, including preparing term sheets; drafting, reviewing, and negotiating principal deal agreements and ancillary documents; conducting corporate, finance and commercial due diligence; negotiating representations and warranties insurance policies; facilitating closings; and handling post-closing issues.**

Prior to working as a lawyer in private practice, Joel worked as a business appraiser and forensic accountant, appraising business entities and ownership interests in connection with M&A transactions, tax matters, financial reporting, litigation consulting and regulatory compliance.

While pursuing his law and business degrees, Joel researched and wrote a 200-page book on the legislative history of the Oklahoma General Corporation Act. His writing and presentation of the book, which remains in working paper form, earned him the Durrell Public Law Research Award as well as a scholarship from the Oklahoma City Mineral Lawyers Society. Joel's law review article regarding the relationship between tribal civil jurisdiction over non-tribal parties and the availability and cost of capital to tribal parties was also published in the American Indian Law Review and won the Salem Civil Rights Award.

Through the University of Oklahoma College of Law International Human Rights Clinic, Joel served as a contributing author to the "Report on the Republic of Suriname to the 25th Session of the Universal Periodic Review, Human Rights Council, April-May 2016." The purpose of the report was to provide to the United Nations a third-party review of the human rights concerns of indigenous and tribal peoples in Suriname and to recommend measures to address those concerns.

\*Matter completed prior to joining Benesch.

## Representative Matters

- Represented Honeywell in the spin-off of its Advanced Materials business, now operating as Solstice Advanced Materials.
- Represented a private equity firm in the \$285 million acquisition of a home healthcare service provider.
- Represented the owners of an insurance brokerage firm in the \$56 million sale of the brokerage firm to a strategic buyer.\*
- Represented a private equity firm in the \$217 million acquisition of a landscaping supplies manufacturer.\*
- Represented a private equity firm in the \$250 million acquisition of an oil and gas company.\*
- Represented a private equity firm in the \$280 million acquisition of a landscaping supplies manufacturer.\*
- Represented a private equity firm in the \$400 million sale of a fast food restaurant chain.\*

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Kansas State University, 2011, B.S., *summa cum laude*, Secondary Education in English and Journalism
- University of Oklahoma Price College of Business, 2016, MBA, Corporate Finance and Financial Risk Management
  - Price Scholarship
- University of Oklahoma College of Law, 2016, J.D., Business Law Certificate
  - With honors
  - Outstanding Editor Award, American Indian Law Review
  - CALI Award, Securities Regulation
  - Salem Civil Rights Award
  - Durrell Public Law Research Award
  - Oklahoma City Mineral Lawyers Society Presentation Scholarship

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Texas

## Memberships

- New York City Bar Association (2023-Present)
  - United Nations Committee (2024-Present)
  - Business and Human Rights Committee (2024-Present)
- American Bar Association, Business Law Section (2022-Present)
  - Business Law Fellows Program (2025-2027)
  - Leadership Academy Participant (2024-Present)
  - M&A Committee (2022-Present)
- Association for Corporate Growth, New York Chapter (2022-Present)
  - Member, Forward Committee (2025-Present)
  - Participant, ACG NY University 2023
- State Bar of Texas, Business Law Section, Mergers and Acquisitions Committee (2018-Present)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (2017-2021)
  - 2017 Leadership Class Participant
  - Fellow, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation (2019-2021)

## News & Insights

- [Benesch Advises Honeywell on Successful Spin-Off of Solstice Advanced Materials](#)  
November 13, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Joel Pruett Named to ABA Business Law Section Fellows Program, Class of 2025-2027](#)  
June 18, 2025 | Press Releases
- [Molly Carroll and Joel Pruett mentioned in Crain's New York People on the Move](#)  
May 20, 2024 | Media Mentions

- [Benesch Adds Joel Pruett to Corporate Team in New York](#)  
May 14, 2024 | Press Releases
- [Joel Pruett article published by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights | "Report on the Republic of Suriname for the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group of the United Nations Human Rights Council"](#)  
May 13, 2024 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- [Joel Pruett article published in 40 Am. Indian L. Rev. 131 | "Nothing Personal \(Or Subject Matter\) About It: Jurisdictional Risk as an Impetus for Non-Tribal Opt-Outs from Tribal Economies, and the Need for Administrative Response"](#)  
May 13, 2024 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- [Joel Pruett article published by TexasBarCLE | "Simultaneous vs. Split Sign and Close: Drafting and Practical Considerations"](#)  
May 13, 2024 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- [Joel Pruett article published in 42 Corp. Couns. Rev. 73 | "Simultaneous vs. Split Sign and Close: Drafting and Practical Considerations"](#)  
May 13, 2024 | Contributed Content & Presentations

## Speaking & Events

### PAST EVENTS

- [Indigenous Human Rights in the Americas: Join the Conversation | Joel Pruett](#)  
August 5, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- [Current Issues in International Indigenous Human Rights Throughout the Americas | Joel Pruett](#)  
August 5, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- [Sign and Close vs. Close at a Later Date | Joel Pruett](#)  
March 10, 2023 | Speaking Engagement
- [Penn Square Bank, the Oil Bust, and the Corporate Law Revival: Commodities-Based Crises as Inspiration for the Oklahoma General Corporation Act | Joel Pruett](#)  
April 21, 2016 | Speaking Engagement