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Overview

Branch Sheppard represents clients in real estate, financial services, insurance disputes, and almost every permutation therein. His practice also extends to business and commercial litigation, probate and estate planning, insurance defense, and transactional real estate and contractual matters. He works on matters in state, federal, appellate, and bankruptcy courts, and boasts extensive experience with the Texas judiciary.

In a broad real estate context, Branch handles title disputes, foreclosures, evictions, real estate litigation, and matters for homeowners associations. He also works on transactions involving commercial and residential investment properties, clearing title issues, and managing acquisitions and closings.

In his financial services practice, Branch represents large banking institutions, lenders, loan servicers, community banks, owner financiers, and hard money lenders. Such representation includes, without limitation, end-to-end representation from compliance to default, foreclosure, eviction, collections, bankruptcy, clouds on title, loss mitigation, and litigation.

Another aspect of Branch's practice includes representing secured and unsecured creditors in Chapters 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcy matters. He handles matters ranging from standard proofs of claim, motions for relief from stay, and objections in Chapter 13 proceedings to more complex and hotly litigated adversary proceedings. He also represents secured creditors in the more nuanced reverse mortgage space, from straightforward foreclosures to complex litigation.

In Branch's estate planning and probate practice, he equips business owners and families with the tools they need to operate and plan for their future. This includes drafting wills, powers of attorney, family trusts, and / or succession planning, and other general business and family concerns.

Education

- South Texas College of Law, 2001 (J.D.)
- University of St. Thomas (B.A.), *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Memberships

- Houston Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas