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## Overview

**Ed Perkins is a skillful litigator with extensive experience defending clients in complex commercial disputes, employment discrimination cases, professional malpractice claims, and personal injury claims, limiting reputational and financial liability with innovative strategies backed by decades of litigatory insight. He has tried cases in federal district courts, federal bankruptcy courts, and Texas state courts, where he consistently obtains favorable outcomes for his clients.**

With recognized success across broad industries as well as specialized matters, Ed crafts solutions in a heavily personalized manner, reconfiguring tested concepts and robust strategies to meet each client's unique objectives, risks, and business goals. He frequently defends large national businesses and manufacturers against fraud claims, copyright and trademark disputes, personal injury cases, and product liability claims.

He also represents law firms and other employers in high-risk professional malpractice and discrimination matters. Additionally, Ed has assisted property owners and homeowners in several types of property-related litigation.

With a track record that speaks to his artful legal acumen and robust experience, Ed is a frequent author and lecturer in developing successful trial strategies, defending employment discrimination claims, and handling high-stakes trade secret litigation.

## Education

- University of Houston Law Center, 1986 (J.D.)
- Southwest Missouri State University, 1983 (B.A.)

## Bar Admissions

- Texas

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- 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

## Community Involvement

- Wendell D. Ley YMCA, Former Board Member

## Distinctions

- *Texas Super Lawyers*

## Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
  - Legallines Committee
  - Fee Dispute Committee
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
  - *Employment Law Newsletter*, Editor
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

## Presentations and Publications

- "Emerging Trends in Non-Compete Agreements," Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Winter Seminar, 2009

## Related Experience

- Secured a class action settlement on behalf of homeowners who alleged their mandatory dues had been fraudulently misused over several years.
- Obtained dismissal of claims of multi-million-dollar fraud and breach of fiduciary duty against consultant by former client relating to sale of business.
- Received defense verdict for client relating to claims by business competitor of tortious interference with contract.
- Handled copyright and trademark disputes for large national client.
- Resolved multi-million-dollar fraud claims against former shareholders in a roll-up company that filed for bankruptcy.
- Received defense jury verdict for retailer in case involving alleged false imprisonment and slander.
- Obtained two separate defense jury verdicts in favor of a national restaurant chain when patrons were seriously injured by falls.
- Obtained dismissal of potentially disastrous claims relating to death of oil company executive from tainted food.
- Successfully defended a large Houston engineering company from allegations of improper foundation design.

- Obtained dismissal of ethics complaint against three corporate CPAs after full hearing before State Board of Public Accountancy relating to claims by whistleblower that they had failed to properly account for losses suffered by regulated public utility.
- Won a defense verdict for a national employer in an alleged sexual harassment case.
- Received a defense verdict for a nationwide employer alleged to have engaged in age discrimination and retaliation against former employee.