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### **Overview**

Wes is a trial attorney with decades of experience handling complex commercial, personal injury, and construction litigation, preserving his clients' interests with proactive litigation strategies that limit liability. He specifically focuses on matters involving product, premises, and construction liability actions, defending companies, manufacturers, and property owners in state and federal court as well as arbitration proceedings. Additionally, Wes performs risk assessments prior to issues arising.

With a background in general litigation, Wes uses his breadth of knowledge in personal injury, insurance law, and commercial matters to navigate both the broad and niche components of liability matters. He has served as national, regional, and local counsel for companies of all sizes. Before entering private practice, Wes was a liability claims handler for a commercial insurer, where he gained extensive experience handling commercial liability matters throughout Texas.

A vigorous litigator, Wes has tried cases in administrative, county, state, and federal district courts, as well as arbitration proceedings, and boasts a track record of favorable outcomes for his clients. Outside of his practice, he dedicates time within the Houston Bar Association, offering free legal aid for low-income individuals.

### **Education**

- South Texas College of Law, 1992 (J.D.)
- Stephen F. Austin State University, 1985 (B.B.A.)

### **Bar Admissions**

Texas

#### **Court Admissions**

• 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 Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

# **Community Involvement**

- Homeowners Association, Board Member
- Boy Scouts of America, Scout Leader

#### **Distinctions**

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## **Memberships**

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel

## **Related Experience**

- Served as regional and national counsel for various product manufacturers, coordinating and conducting investigation and defense of numerous personal injury and property damage claims.
- Served as Texas counsel for various national companies in product liability, and construction related matters.
- Successfully arbitrated matters for various clients in construction related matters.
- Successfully defended developer from personal injury claimant seeking more than \$1 million.
- Obtained liability limiting summary judgments for numerous employers throughout the State of Texas.
- Successfully defended employer in gross negligence death case in which Plaintiffs were seeking recovery of millions of dollars.
- Obtained defense verdict in large contractual dispute involving a common carrier.
- Successfully negotiated and obtained rulings on indemnity claims resulting in liability being shifted from clients to other parties in multi-million-dollar property damages and personal injury claims.