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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
- Breach of Contract
- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Director and Officer
- General Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Property Insurance

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

- State Courts: California, Texas, Arkansas
- United States District Court: Northern, Southern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

**EDUCATION**

- Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, J.D., 2007
- University of Texas, B.A., *with honors*, 2004

Alex focuses her state and federal practice on commercial litigation and dispute resolution, and has a track record for obtaining the relief requested by her clients both at trial and on appeal. Alex has represented plaintiffs and defendants in matters involving contract disputes, insurance coverage, professional malpractice, environmental regulation, business torts, and director and officer liability. She is committed to solving her clients' problems as efficiently as possible and believes success starts with mastering the facts in order to learn the "story" of each case. Knowing the "story" leads to effective discovery, negotiating, and, when necessary, trial strategies that connect with judges and juries.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS****Business Disputes and Commercial Litigation**

Represented oil and gas operating company in recovering damages after facilities were destroyed in a catastrophic loss. Obtained judgment awarding client over \$30 million in damages and attorneys' fees and denying all relief requested by the opposing party at five-week jury trial in federal court. Subsequently represented client in appeal affirming district court's favorable judgment.

Represented Halliburton as part of trial team successfully minimizing company's Phase I liability in connection with all civil litigation and federal investigations concerning BP's Macondo well blowout in the Gulf of Mexico.

Represented receivership of company at a four-week jury trial involving breach of fiduciary duty and professional negligence claims resulting in a multi-million dollar verdict in favor of client.

Represented defendant officer of publicly traded company in suit alleging securities law violations and breach of fiduciary duty resulting in dismissal of claims against client.

Represented company in receiving favorable settlement against company's accountants for malpractice.

**Insurance Coverage**

Lead trial counsel for defendant insurance company in suit brought by insured plaintiff in Galveston County, Texas for breach of contract and violations of the Texas Insurance Code resulting in unanimous jury verdict in insurance company's favor and take-nothing judgment against plaintiff insured.

Represents commercial property insurer in multi-million dollar dispute involving business interruption and property damage coverage arising from explosion at energy facility.

Represents commercial property insurers in property coverage and subrogation disputes arising from catastrophic weather events.

Litigated multiple liability coverage disputes, including professional and commercial general liability, requiring coverage analysis, briefing, and trial preparation.

#### **ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS**

"California: Developments in COVID-19 Business Interruption Claims," *CAT-Law Navigator*, April 17, 2020, co-author

"California at Forefront of Business Interruption Coverage Response to COVID-19," *CAT-Law Navigator*, March 30, 2020, co-author

"Sharing Economy Brings New Opportunities for Insurers," *Insurance Law360*, September 25, 2018, author

"Emerging Issues in the Calculation of Interest Under the Texas Prompt Payment of Claims Act," *Journal of Texas Insurance Law*, Summer 2016, Volume 14, Number 1, author

"Show me the 18% Interest on My Money – Emerging Issues Regarding the Prompt Payment Act," State Bar of Texas 13th Annual Advanced Insurance Law Course, June 9, 2016, presenter

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Bar Association of San Francisco, Member

**PRO BONO ACTIVITIES**

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas Pro Bono Clinic Volunteer

**NOTEWORTHY**

*Texas Rising Star (2020)*