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PRACTICE AREAS

- Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability
- Breach of Contract
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Engineering and Construction

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Court: Texas
- U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals: Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court: Northern, Southern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Texas

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D., 1992
- University of Texas, B.A., 1987

Tom practices in the area of complex litigation including property insurance coverage litigation, commercial litigation, and subrogation. He has tried, litigated and arbitrated matters involving products liability, insurance coverage, construction defect, fire spread, professional negligence, commercial contracts and employee fraud/theft.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Lead counsel and national coordinating counsel for a major commercial property insurer in coverage litigation arising out of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma

Obtained summary judgment in multi-million dollar insurance coverage dispute arising out of Tropical Storm Allison

Representation and defense of numerous coverage matters in state and federal courts and the 5th circuit

Representation of a major petrochemical company in multiple matters including recovery for catastrophic equipment failures and the defense and prosecution of commercial contract disputes

Represented two Fortune 500 companies in multi-million dollar employee fraud/theft recovery cases

Successful prosecution of a major construction defect arbitration

Successful prosecution of numerous catastrophic subrogation matters including products liability, construction defect, fire spread, negligence, and professional negligence

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

"E-discovery masterclass," Lloyd's Market Association Masterclass, September 5, 2018, co-presenter

"Hurricane Harvey First Party Property Claims Checklist (Texas)," August 25, 2017, co-author

"Avoiding the Outhouse: Dealing with In-House Counsel in a Corporate World,"

Corporate Counsel Review, 36 Corp. Couns. Rev. 33, 2017, co-author

"U.S. Property Wordings Trends and Developments," Lloyd's Market Association Masterclass, January 25, 2017, presenter

"What Every Insurance Professional Needs to Know about the U.S. Bankruptcy Process," Lloyd's Market Association Masterclass, January 24, 2017, presenter

"The Attack on Attorney-Client Privilege in Insurance Cases," *Texas Law360*, June 16, 2016, author

"Business Interruption and Time Element Coverages," Zelle Insurance Education Webinar Series, February 29, 2016, presenter

"The Perilous 'Superperil' Ruling In NJ Storm Surge Case," *Insurance Law360*, April 2, 2015, author

"The Missing Link In Business Interruption Coverage Claims," *Texas Law360*, March 4, 2014, author

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

College of the State Bar of Texas

Dallas Bar Association

American Bar Association; Tort & Insurance Practice Committee

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of Texas Insurance Law Section Council (through 2014)

NOTEWORTHY

Tom was selected as a Texas "Rising Star" in the July 2004 issue of *Texas Monthly* magazine and has been named the co-chair of the University of Texas Law School's Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference for the last four years (2009-2012). He is also AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for

2013-2020.