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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

- State Court: Texas, Washington State, Colorado
- U.S. District Court: Northern, Eastern, Western, and Southern Districts of Texas

**EDUCATION**

- Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2004
- Washington State University, B.S., *cum laude*, 1994

Todd's practice is dedicated to litigation. His experience includes coverage matters, environmental issues, disputes arising out of catastrophic losses at commercial/industrial sites, and disputes involving agriculture losses. In 2011, Todd achieved the Advocate designation from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy for his dedication to trial advocacy.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS****Insurance Coverage**

Negotiated settlement of \$7.3 million property insurance coverage dispute arising from alleged hurricane damages to luxury condominium

Obtained summary judgment in \$750,000 property insurance coverage dispute arising from a restaurant fire

Represented commercial property insurer in \$23 million coverage litigation arising from damage to nursing home facilities allegedly caused by Hurricane Katrina

Represented property insurer in \$25 million coverage dispute involving alleged construction defects

Represented property insurer in \$20 million coverage litigation involving alleged theft and vandalism at high-rise building

Represented property insurer in \$1.5 million hail damage claim involving commercial buildings

Represented liability insurer in \$4.5 million environmental claim

Represented commercial property insurer in \$4.1 million coverage dispute involving water damage to stored cotton crop

Represented animal mortality/livestock insurer in coverage matters involving a western pleasure show horses and cutting horses

Represented animal mortality/livestock insurer in coverage matter involving loss of several hundred head of cattle after major flood

**ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS**

"Strategies in Adjusting Challenging & Difficult Losses," PLRB Claims Conference, March 31-April 3, 2019, co-presenter

"The Insureds' Burden: Determining Date of Loss in Texas," *Texas Law360*, May 1, 2018, co-author

"Strategies When Working with Public Adjusters," Property Loss Research Bureau ("PLRB"), Annual Claims Conference, Orlando, FL, April 16-18, 2018, co-presenter

"Weather Damage Claims – What the Hail™ is the Fuss All About," "Myths and Realities of Bad Faith Claims in the United States," and "Ethical Considerations When Adjusting and Handling Weather Damage Claims," Texas Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (TAMIC) Annual Convention, Round Rock, TX, October 24-25, 2016, co-presenter

"Texas Courts' Consistent Inconsistency on Improper Joinders," *Texas Law360*, September 19, 2016, author

"Top Tips . . . On Appraisal," *TIPS Dispute Resolution and Property Insurance Law Committees - Fall 2015 Newsletter*, Fall 2015, author

"The Ethics of Using Public Adjusters as Expert Witnesses," *Texas Law360*, September 24, 2015, author

"Texas Property Insurers Consider Changes to Hail Policies," *Texas Law360*, July 28, 2015, author

"Texas Insurers: Don't Forget 'Excessive Demand Doctrine'," *Texas Law360*, May 1, 2015, author

"Building Codes: Verifying Applicable Building Codes for Claims Adjusters," PLRB, Anaheim, CA, March 31-April 1, 2015, presenter

"Court Clarifies Insurers' Replacement-Cost Obligations," *Insurance Law360*, June 18, 2014, author

"Building Codes; Living and Adjusting by the Code," PLRB – Indianapolis, IN,

March 17-18, 2014, presenter

"Texas Hail Damage Claims Seminar—What The Hail™ Is Going On?," March 6, 2014, presenter

"Insurance Appraisal: A Valuable Tool or a Process Run Amok?," Webinar, February 26, 2014, co-presenter

"Texas Reminds Insurers of the Benefits of ADR Appraisals," *Insurance Law360*, January 31, 2014, author

"A Guide To Making O&P Payments On Texas Roof Repairs," *Texas Law360*, December 2, 2013, author

"Roofing Contractors, Don't Mess With Texas Insureds!," *Texas Law360*, November 15, 2013, author

"Building Codes; Living and Adjusting by the Code," PLRB – Boston, MA, March 18-19, 2013, presenter

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Bar Association

State Bar of Texas

Dallas Bar Association

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show, Superintendent

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo – Member on the Board of Directors

#### **NOTEWORTHY**

Todd was named a "Rising Star" for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 by *Texas Monthly* magazine.

**PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Prior to studying law, Todd was involved in the marketing of both purebred and commercial livestock in the Northwest and Southwest areas of the United States. Todd continues to stay active in the industry.