



Angela D. Caffey

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Angela Caffey's practice focuses on construction law, including construction defects, alleged design defects, and complex, multi-party cases in state and federal court. She has represented design professions (including architects, civil engineers, structural engineers, MEP engineers), general contractors, and subcontractors.

She also has experience representing a wide variety of other professionals, including attorneys and real estate professionals.

She is known for her aggressive representation of clients. She excels at collecting a team of experts, and effectively managing that team to defend design professionals. She is always prepared, and recognizes that many times a case is won or lost in a deposition. She has been described by her peers and clients as a "tiger" in expert depositions, and understands the nuances of construction defect and design litigation.

Prior to joining Thompson Coe, Angela was an Assistant District Attorney in Dallas County where she was able to hone her excellent oral advocacy skills. Angela gained First Chair and Second Chair trial experience in over 25 jury trials, with numerous other trials before the Court.

Representative Experience

- Defended architect and structural engineer, jointly, in a federal court lawsuit by owner of large retail shopping center seeking over \$20 million dollars. Managed a team of experts, including a geotechnical engineer, structural engineer, civil engineer, architect, damage expert, broker, and appraiser. After expert depositions, filed a motion to strike plaintiff's experts and multiple motions for summary judgment. The case ultimately resolved by mediation resulting in a confidential settlement agreement.
- Obtained summary judgment based on a Mary Carter agreement entered between the plaintiff and co-defendant in state court.

Services & Industries

- Professional Liability
- Construction

- Negotiated several voluntary nonsuits of structural engineers that required no consideration on behalf of clients.
- Obtained very favorable settlement in arbitration on behalf of architect in a multi-party, complex construction dispute brought by condominium owners association and general contractor seeking over \$35 million for alleged design and construction defects.
- Defended subcontractor at center of plaintiff's allegations involving commercial sports complex. Played critical role in obtaining alternative repair bid that ultimately assisted in reaching a confidential settlement at mediation.
- Defended general contractor in a residential construction defect suit that arose after Hurricane Harvey. Obtained favorable settlement at mediation.
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of all defendants based on special exceptions. Court upheld dismissal, despite a motion for new trial.
- Negotiated settlement for sole design professional sued in complex construction defect suit in which the owner sought more than \$3 million from multiple defendants.
- Defended general contractor against suit brought by subsequent purchaser of residential property that included allegations of negligence and fraud.
- Obtained favorable settlement in mediation after motion for summary judgment was filed. Experience in complex engineering defect cases, including alleged defects in the design of a water treatment plant and distribution system.

Education

- Texas Tech University School of Law (J.D., 2008)
- Texas Tech University (B.A., summa cum laude, 2005)
 - History and Political Science

Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2008

Court Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern, Western and Eastern Districts of Texas

Professional and Community Activities

- Dallas Bar Association

Speeches and Presentations

- *Texas Broker Liability and Where It Is Expanding*