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Charles Weigel focuses his practice on civil litigation in the areas of transportation, aviation, products liability, premises liability, directors & officers liability, professional liability, dram shop, construction, environmental, energy, and commercial litigation.

His experience in the areas of transportation and aviation includes the representation of trucking and towing companies, and an airline catering and in-flight services company in personal injury and wrongful death cases, and interstate common carriers in cargo litigation.

Charles seeks to provide his clients with a thorough investigation, evaluation and analysis of their case to promote early resolution and cost-effective representation.

Products Liability Litigation

He has represented the manufacturers, distributors and sellers of products such as construction equipment, re-manufactured auto parts, household appliances, water filtration systems, insulation, tractor-trailers, off-road tires/wheels, and oil field equipment.

Professional Liability

He has represented insurance agents, psychologists, social workers, accountants, local government officials, investment advisors, surveyors, condominium associations and corporate officers and directors. He has represented restaurants, hotels, bars, property managers, apartment complexes, colleges, and retail stores in premises liability, dram shop and personal injury litigation.

He also represents and advises churches, religious orders and charitable institutions in sexual tort cases and other matters.

Construction, Personal Injury, & Wrongful Death Litigation

He has represented residential home builders and commercial contractors and subcontractors. In environmental energy and commercial litigation, he has experience representing oil & gas operators, service companies, and suppliers, chemical manufacturers, land owners, landlords, lenders, solar facility operators and franchisors.

Representative Experience

Obtained summary judgment which was affirmed on appeal in dram shop action against restaurant based on the statutory safe harbor defense in the Texas Dram Shop Act.

Faircloth v. Borderlands, a Southwest Grill, Inc. et al., Case No. 11-14-00239-CV, Eleventh Court of Appeals, Eastland, Texas (pet. denied)

Affirming insurance carrier did not have coverage for intentional acts which allegedly violated Plaintiff's constitutional rights.

Charbonnet v. Lee, 951 F.2d 638 (5th Cir 1992)

Repudiated the uncalled witness rule in the Fifth Circuit.

Hebert v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 911 F.2d 1044 (5th Cir 1990)

Obtained defense verdict in jury trial for global fast food restaurant.

Obtained two defense verdicts in federal jury trials for a national retail store in premises liability actions.

Obtained summary judgment in federal court in favor of health care provider on counter-claim against employee benefit plan in case involving the wrongful denial of medical benefits.

Establishing immunity for local government officials involved in passing zoning ordinance in the Fifth Circuit.

Calhoun v. St. Bernard Parish, 937 F.2d 172 (5th Cir 1991), U.S. cert. den. 502 U.S.1060 (1992)

Affirmed summary judgment for psychologist on the grounds of witness and official immunity, abstention, and the domestic relations exception to diversity jurisdiction.

Rogers v. Janzen, 891 F.2d 95 (5th Cir 1989)

Obtained verdict in jury trial enforcing settlement agreement in a construction case.

Obtained summary judgment for contractor based on the independent contractor defense.

Related Services

Business and Commercial

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Professional Liability

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Removals: An Overview

Thompson Coe Webinar

June 21, 2022

Fracking and the Environment

Ace North America

2015

Addressing Circumstantial Evidence of Product Defect in a Fire Case

DRI Product Liability Conference

2011

How to Equip Your Business to Avoid a Lawsuit and How to Handle a Lawsuit if One Occurs

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association Annual Conference

2007

A Survey of Torts in Workers' Compensation and Subrogation Claims

ExxonMobil & Sedgewick

2006

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center

J.D., 1988

Phi Delta Phi

Martin Inn, President

Louisiana State University

B.A., magna cum laude, 1984

History

Phi Kappa Phi

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

1994

Virginia

1992

Louisiana

1988

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals

Fourth and Fifth Circuit

United States Court of Federal Claims

United States District Court of Virginia

Eastern District

United States District Court of Louisiana

Eastern, Middle, Western

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Catholic Bar Association

Dallas Bar Association

St. Thomas More Society

Mater Dei Latin Mass Parish

Parish Council, 2009-present

The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, North American District

Board of Advisors, 1996-2015

Knights of Columbus

Mater Dei Council 15033, St. Ann Assembly 3181

Faustina Academy

Former Director

St. Therese Academy

Former Director