



## **Cory S. Reed**

Partner

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Cory Reed maintains a diverse professional liability practice defending and counseling lawyers, doctors, nurses, dentists, optometrists, accountants, financial advisors, architects, real estate appraisal management companies, real estate appraisers, real estate agents & brokers, real estate inspectors, surveyors, insurance agents, and other practicing professionals and groups against a variety of complaints and in response to complaints filed with state professional licensing boards.

He also defends clients who have been sued for various intentional torts including assault, battery, libel, slander, defamation, theft of trade secrets and unfair competition claims, and claims arising from alleged breaches of data privacy laws. Cory represents clients in mass tort and product liability defense with an eye toward early and efficient resolution.

In addition, Cory's practice includes representing employers, managers, and other personnel in employment law matters arising under federal and state law, including matters involving gender discrimination, age discrimination, racial discrimination, disability discrimination, retaliation, wage and hour disputes, employment torts, and other legal issues arising in the workplace. Cory also represents business entities, property owners' associations, association board members, and individuals in a variety of commercial matters.

Cory has first and second chair trial and arbitration experience. The majority of Cory's work has been in jurisdictions throughout Texas, and he has defended clients in both state and federal litigation.

Cory conducts seminars to various professionals concerning litigation avoidance and other critical issues facing their profession.

### **Representative Experience**

Defended asphalt & concrete paving company in Harvey Sand multidistrict litigation.

Defended independent distributor and manufacturer's representative in laparoscopic power morcellator litigation.

Defended Pharmacy Company in National and Texas opioid multidistrict litigation.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of road construction company pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 97.002.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a commercial construction company in a case involving claims for life-debilitating injuries.

Obtained favorable dismissal on behalf of Oregon Real Estate Company based on jurisdiction in a professional malpractice suit. Decision affirmed *Bryan v. Gordon*, 2012 WL 53333372 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2012, no pet.).

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of apartment complex owner in a premises liability case involving a gas pipeline explosion.

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a national facility services company in a premises liability case.

Obtained a take-nothing judgment on behalf of a law firm and its attorney in a legal malpractice case.

Defended a national children's entertainment company in a jury trial involving claims for traumatic brain injury.

Defended a national real estate investment trust in a jury trial involving claims for wrongful death.

#### LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

Obtained favorable arbitration ruling on behalf of a national wholesale cash and carry food service supplier based on age and race discrimination claims.

Obtained favorable dismissal of a global executive search firm based on sex discrimination claims.

Represented restaurant chain against claims for violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Defended national apartment community owner against a discriminations claim.

Defended fire protection services company against a discrimination claim.

Defended national land and right of way services company against a discrimination claim.

Defended national restaurant chain in a discrimination lawsuit.

Represented various employers' in various litigation to enforce non-compete agreements.

#### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Defended insurance agent against claims for violation of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of transactional lawyer in malpractice action.

Defended a law firm in arbitration against claims for legal malpractice.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a family law firm in a legal malpractice action.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of insurance company and agent in a malpractice action.

Obtained favorable dismissal on behalf of insurance agent in malpractice action.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of personal injury lawyer in legal malpractice action.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of commercial litigation law firm in a legal malpractice action.

Obtained a take nothing judgment on behalf of a law firm and its attorney in a legal malpractice case.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of criminal tax defense lawyer in legal malpractice action.

## **Awards & Recognition**

**SUPER LAWYERS - RISING STAR**

Listed for Professional Liability

2018-2021

## **Related Services**

[Business and Commercial](#)

[Health Care](#)

[Labor & Employment](#)

[Products Liability & Mass Torts](#)

[Professional Liability](#)

## **Publications & Speaking Engagements**

Is It Legal Malpractice Not to Seek Treatment for Mental Health Issues?

DRI Magazine's 'For the Defense'

April 2024

Cybersecurity: Ethics and Cyberliability Trends

Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters

2018

**Recent Trends in Texas Professional-Liability Cases**

Thompson Coe Webinar

2018

**You Ain't From Around these Parts: Ethical Pitfalls of not Hiring a Texas Lawyer**

Thompson Coe Webinar

2018

**Steps That Associates Should Take to Handle Their First Hearing Successfully**

Jun 13, 2017

**Supreme Court of Texas Provides Guidance on Causation Standard for Legal-Malpractice Claims**

Apr 28, 2017

**18.001 Affidavits: Maximizing the Evidence to Minimize Damages**

Thompson Coe Webinar

2017

**Investigating the Catastrophic Claim: Preserving and Gathering Evidence that Matters**

Catastrophic Claims Webinar

2016

**Oh no, you cannot sue me: A discussion on Why it is Good to be the King**

Texas Insurance and Tort Law Update

2016

**Social Media in the Workplace: Employers Beware**

Thompson Coe Webinar

2016

**New Houston Equal Rights Ordinance Covers LGBTs and Contains Potential Criminal Penalties**

Jun 20, 2014

**Lights, Camera, Action: The Jury Trial**

Texas Insurance and Tort Law Update

2014

**Going for the Shutout: Strategies for Minimizing Damages from the Tort Reform Playbook**

Texas Insurance and Tort Law Update

2013

**Education, Admissions & Activities**

## EDUCATION

### South Texas College of Law

J.D., cum laude, 2010

Dean's Honor List

Phi Delta Phi

### Sam Houston State University

B.S., 2004

Criminal Justice

Dean's Honor List

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2011

## COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Southern, Eastern

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Houston Bar Association

Houston Young Lawyers Association

Defense Research Institute (DRI)