



## Cory S. Reed

Partner

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Cory Reed maintains a diverse professional liability practice, including representing lawyers, doctors, nurses, accountants, financial advisors, architects, real estate appraisal management companies, real estate appraisers, real estate agents, real estate inspectors, surveyors, insurance agents, and other practicing professionals and groups. 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 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 work place.

Cory also represents business entities, property owners' associations, association board members, and individuals in a variety of commercial matters.

### Representative Experience

- Defended Pharmacy Company in National and Texas opioid multidistrict litigation.
- Defended independent distributor and manufacturer's representative in laparoscopic power morcellator 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 commercial construction company in a case involving claims for life debilitating injuries
- Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of apartment complex owner in a premises liability case involving a gas pipeline explosion.

### Services & Industries

- Professional Liability
- Labor & Employment
- Data Privacy and Cyber Security
- Community Associations
- Health Care
- Products Liability
- Litigation

- Defended a national real estate investment trust in a jury trial involving claims for wrongful death.
- Defended a national children's entertainment company in a jury trial involving claims for traumatic brain injury.
- Obtained a take nothing judgment on behalf of a law firm and its attorney in a legal malpractice case.
- Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a national facility services company in a premises liability case.
- 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.).

## **Education**

- South Texas College of Law (J.D., 2010)
  - cum laude
  - 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, Southern and Eastern District of Texas

## **Professional and Community Activities**

- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)

## **Speeches and Presentations**

- "Going for the Shutout: Strategies for Minimizing Damages from the Tort Reform Playbook", Texas Insurance and Tort Law Update (2013).
- "Lights, Camera, Action: The Jury Trial", Texas Insurance and Tort Law Update (2014).
- "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).
- "Investigating the Catastrophic Claim: Preserving and Gathering Evidence that Matters", Catastrophic Claims Webinar (2016).
- "18.001 Affidavits: Maximizing the Evidence to Minimize Damages", Thompson Coe Webinar (2017).
- "Cybersecurity: Ethics and Cyberliability Trends, Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters" (2018).

- "You Ain't From Around these Parts: Ethical Pitfalls of not Hiring a Texas Lawyer", Thompson Coe Webinar (2018).
- "Recent Trends in Texas Professional-Liability Cases", Thompson Coe Webinar (2018).

### **Professional Recognition**

- *Law & Politics* magazine's 2018-2019 Texas Super Lawyers® - Rising Stars list
- Texas Super Lawyers - Rising Stars - 2020

## **Labor & Employment**

### **Overview**

Cory Reed'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 work place.

### **Representative Experience**

- 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 discrimination 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**

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## **Representative Experience**

- 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.

## **Publications**

June 13, 2017

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

April 28, 2017

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

June 20, 2014

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