



J. Brandon Barnes

Partner

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Brandon Barnes focuses on representing construction and design professionals in multi-party, complex litigation and pre-suit claims. He also represents individuals and companies in numerous areas of the law, such as personal injury, commercial and contract disputes, real property, and corporate governance.

He has defended general contractors and subcontractors in arbitration, and district courts ranging from multi-million dollar commercial structures, infrastructure projects, and public works projects to luxury high-rise condominiums, multi-family and single-family residential construction. His practice routinely involves interpreting and applying the Texas Residential Construction Liability Act while representing contractors.

Brandon regularly defends construction design professionals against professional negligence claims in arbitration and district courts. Brandon has defended the designs of national and regional architectural firms in claims involving medical facilities, infrastructure projects, public works projects, multi-family housing, and engineering firms of multiple disciplines.

Brandon believes that direct, consistent, and timely communication with his clients is the cornerstone of his exceptional relationships with each client. His ability to think outside the box and find creative solutions to complex problems is why Brandon's clients repeatedly return to him for counsel.

Representative Experience

Defended \$30 million claim against materials engineering firm involving public-private partnership infrastructure project.

Defended national charter school developer in multiple suits involving allegations of construction defects.

Collaborated with a team of attorneys to implement and execute a discovery review protocol of over 1.7 million documents.

Lead the defense of architectural firm involving the design of an ambulatory surgical center and obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of the client.

Defended national electrical contractor in multi-million-dollar suit involving an assisted living facility.

Represented Real Estate Brokerage against fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claims and obtaining a favorable settlement on behalf of brokerage clients.

Obtained a take nothing jury verdict on Plaintiff's claims for injury and damages on behalf of defendant client in a personal injury case.

Obtained appellate relief on issue of first impression for the Texas Fourth Court of Appeal on a City's claim of sovereign immunity from suit in a breach of contract case, reversing the trial court's finding of immunity.

Obtained numerous favorable settlements on behalf of design and construction clients across the state.

Argued and defeated numerous summary judgments on behalf of clients in claims involving breach of contract and warranty, DTPA, personal injury, construction defects, and insurance law.

Represented multiple companies constructing, and designing climbing walls, zip lines, and other challenge course features.

Represented multiple companies providing certified ACCT training to challenge course and ropes course operators throughout Texas in personal injury suits and obtaining favorable settlements on behalf of his clients.

Awards & Recognition

TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS - RISING STARS

Listed for Business Litigation, Construction Litigation

2023-2024

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hughes-Gossett Award

2017

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Import-Export Fellowship

2012

Related Services

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Insurance

Professional Liability

Publications & Speaking Engagements

The Font of Federal Power: Filburn and the Aggregation Principle

V. 42, I. 2 Journal of Supreme Court History

March 2017

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

St. Mary's University School of Law

J.D., 2015

Dean's List

American Constitution Society

Texas State University

B.A., magna cum laude, 2012

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2015

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court

2024

United States District Court of Texas

Western

2018

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas

Pro-bono Attorney

Austin Bar Association