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Andrew Johnson represents individuals and companies in cases involving products liability, professional liability, premises liability, general casualty, and commercial disputes. His clientele includes attorneys and law firms, insurance brokers, large and small entities, management companies, staffing agencies, real estate agents, community associations, and financial-services providers.

Andrew handles matters around Texas state courts and in federal courts, arbitrations, and other proceedings, such as before FINRA, the Texas Real Estate Commission, and the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas. He has substantial experience drafting appellate briefs, original proceedings, summary-judgment motions, motions to dismiss, post-arbitration motions, jury charges, and expert-related motions.

Andrew frequently handles proceedings and appeals involving the Texas Citizens Participation Act (Chapter 27 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, also called the Anti-SLAPP statute), the Certificate of Merit statute (Chapter 150 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code), special appearances challenging personal jurisdiction, and post-appraisal motions in insurance disputes. He also often argues before courts of appeals.

Before Thompson Coe, Andrew worked as a staff attorney at the Fourteenth Court of Appeals of Texas. While at the court, he wrote well over 100 proposed opinions, including in complex civil appeals.

Representative Experience

Handled briefing in appeal in which Court of Appeals affirmed summary judgment in favor of client in wrongful-death case.

Redmond v. Clasen, No. 01-20-00209-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2021)

Handled briefing in appeal in which Court of Appeals affirmed judgment establishing that client owns real property which opponent claimed it owned through adverse possession.

Rinn v Mind Properties LLC, No. 14-19-00643-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2021)

Handled briefing and oral argument in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of summary judgment in favor of law-firm client.

SED Holdings v. TM Property Solutions, LLC, 19-20841 (5th Cir. 2021)

Drafted appellate motion which convinced Court of Appeals to dismiss for want of jurisdiction appeal brought against our client.

Spiller v. Busibodies Academy, Inc., No. 01-21-00074-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2021)

Handled briefing in appeal in which Court of Appeals reversed trial court's denial of motion to dismiss for failure to file healthcare-liability expert report under Chapter 74 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Boone-Chapman v. Patterson, No. 14-19-00491-CV, 625 S.W.3d 526 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2021)

Handled briefing in appeal in which Court of Appeals affirmed summary judgment rendered in favor of our law-firm client in legal-malpractice lawsuit.

Coe v. Weller, Green, Toups & Terrell, LLP, No. 09-18-00365-CV (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2020)

Handled briefing in appeal in which Court of Appeals reversed almost \$700,000 judgment and permanent injunction rendered against client.

Siana Oil & Gas Co. LLC v. White Oak Operating Company, LLC, No. 01-18-00962-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2020)

Handled briefing in mandamus proceeding in which Court of Appeals agreed with our argument that appraisal must be compelled in first-party insurance dispute.

In re QBE Specialty Insurance Co., No. 01-20-00164-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2020)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of take-nothing judgment where plaintiff argued on appeal that the trial judge engaged in judicial impropriety.

Wiltfang v. Naegeli Transportation, No. 14-19-00396-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2020)

Handled briefing in mandamus proceeding in which Court of Appeals agreed with our argument that the trial court lacked plenary power and was required to designate the case as closed despite plaintiff's contention that live claims remained.

In re Anderson, No. 01-20-00123-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2020)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained reversal of trial court's order denying our engineering client's motions to dismiss based on plaintiff's failure to comply with the certificate of merit requirements of Chapter 150 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

TRW Engineers, Inc. v. Hussion Street Buildings, LLC, No. 01-19-00895-CV, 608 S.W.3d 317 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2020)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained reversal of trial court's order denying our special appearance challenging Texas jurisdiction over our foreign client.

Kumon North America Inc. v. Nguyen, No. 14-18-00639-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2020)

Presented oral argument in original proceeding in which court of appeals granted our request for mandamus relief ordering trial court to lift abatement of professional-negligence lawsuit.

In re Shulman, No. 14-17-00508-CV, 544 S.W.3d 861 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017)

Part of briefing team in appeal in which we obtained reversal of \$420,000 judgment because court of appeals agreed with our argument that oil-and-gas indemnity agreement could not be reformed.

BH Contractors, LLC v. Helix Energy Sols. Group, Inc., No. 14-15-01035-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017)

Handled briefing and oral argument in appeal in which we obtained reversal of trial court's denial of our Anti-SLAPP motion.

Urban Eng'g v. Salinas Constr. Techs., Ltd., 13-16-00451-CV (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2017)

Obtained mandamus relief from First Court of Appeals ordering severance of insurance claims from underlying liability suit.

In re Essex Ins. Co., 01-16-00552-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2016)

Successfully defended against opposing party's petition for writ of mandamus in fraud lawsuit.

In re Sunset Nursing Home, Inc., 01-15-00757-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2015)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of dismissal with prejudice of claims against engineering client based on plaintiff's failure to comply with the certificate of merit requirements of Chapter 150 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Whitaker v. R2M Engineering, LLC, No. 07-20-00068-CV, 603 S.W.3d 530 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2020)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of summary judgment in favor of hotel client in personal-injury suit.

Saenz v. Starlight International Inc., No. 01-19-00562-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2020)

Handled briefing in appeal in which Court of Appeals affirmed permanent injunction in favor of our homeowner's association client.

Murray v. C.I.A. Hidden Forest, Inc., No. 09-19-00013-CV (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2020)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of summary judgment in favor of insurance broker in case involving numerous common-law, DTPA, and Insurance Code claims.

R&M Mixed Beverage Consultants, Inc. v. Safe Harbor Benefits, Inc., No. 08-17-00054-CV, 578 S.W.3d 218 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2019)

Drafted appellate motion which convinced Court of Appeals to dismiss appeal brought against our client because the plaintiff had waived right of appeal in agreed judgment.

Reule v. Sherwood Valley, No. 01-17-00593-CV (Tex. App.— Houston [1st Dist.] 2019)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of summary judgment in favor of religious order based on “coming-and-going” rule negating religious order’s alleged vicarious liability.

Berry v. Missionaries of Co. of Mary, Inc., No. 18-20487, 770 Fed. App’x 716 (5th Cir. 2019)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of summary judgment in favor of financial services provider.

Yazdchi v. TD Ameritrade, No. 14-17-00632-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2019)

Handled briefing and oral argument in appeal in which we obtained reversal of trial court’s denial of our Anti-SLAPP motion and remand for award of attorney’s fees.

Clayton v. Oldcastle Materials Texas, Inc., 09-18-00063-CV (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2019)

Handled briefing in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of death-penalty sanctions the trial court ordered in favor of client based on plaintiff’s evidentiary fraud.

Pressil v. Gibson, No. 14-17-00517-CV, 477 S.W.3rd 402 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2018)

Handled briefing and oral argument in appeal in which we obtained reversal of trial court’s order denying our clients’ motions to dismiss based on Chapter 150 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code regarding certificates of merit in engineering-negligence lawsuit.

Barron, Stark & Swift Consulting Engineers, LP v. First Baptist Church, Vidor, No. 09-17-00470-CV, 551 S.W.3d 320 (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2018)

Drafted appellate motion which convinced Court of Appeals to dismiss for want of jurisdiction appeal brought against our client.

Cox v. Foster, No. 09-18-00130-CV (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2018)

Handled briefing and oral argument in appeal in which court of appeals affirmed summary judgment in favor of our insurer client based on rule that payment of appraisal award bars plaintiff’s contractual and extra-contractual claims.

Zhu v. First Community Insurance Co., No. 14-16-00226-CV, 543 S.W.3d 428 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2018)

Handled briefing and oral argument in appeal in which we obtained reversal of trial court’s order regarding certificates of merit.

Eng’g & Terminal Services, L.P. v. TARSCO, Inc., 14-16-00424-CV, 525 S.W.3d 394 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2017)

Handled briefing and oral argument in appeal in which we obtained affirmance of 12(b)(6) dismissal of plaintiff’s constitutional claims against client.

Hartman v. Walker, 16-40396 (5th Cir. Apr. 18, 2017)

Supervised successful appellate defense of summary judgment based on Chapter 95 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Alonso v. Westin Homes Corp., 14-15-00898-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016, no pet.)

Presented oral argument in insurance-coverage case in which court of appeals reversed almost \$400,000 judgment rendered against insurer client.

Serpikova v. American Risk Insurance Company, Inc., 14-14-00859-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016)

Awards & Recognition

TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law

Related Services

Appellate Litigation

Business and Commercial

Insurance

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Professional Liability

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Unfinished Work: Examining the Work that Some Appellate Lawyers May Be Leaving Undone

Houston Bar Association Appellate Practice Section meeting

July 2022

Texas Passes New Law Governing Trials in Actions Against Commercial Trucking Companies

Jun 21, 2021

Jury Charges

Civil Appellate Practice 101 Seminar

2021

Legal Writing When Pressed for Time

For the Defense

May 15, 2020

Trial Techniques and Tactics

IADC Committee Newsletter

May 15, 2020

Determining What Issues to Raise on Appeal

ABA Section of Litigation, Minority Trial Lawyer Committee Newsletter

Jul 22, 2019

Effective and Persuasive Legal Writing and Motion Practice

Thompson Coe CLE Presentation

2019

Update: Texas Appraisal - The Texas Supreme Court Has Spoken

Thompson Coe Webinar

2019

Texas Supreme Court Clarifies Plaintiff's Burden for Establishing Vicarious Liability

Apr 18, 2018

When Regulators Come Knocking

Personal Financial Planning Conference, Houston CPA Society

2018

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

Apr 28, 2017

Supreme Court of Texas to Determine Whether Responsibility-Shifting Provision of Lease Agreement

Violates Public Policy

Sep 14, 2015

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

St. Mary's University School of Law

J.D., cum laude, 2007

St. Mary's Law Journal, Articles Editor

Phi Delta Phi

Texas State University

B.S.A.S., summa cum laude, 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2007

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

United States District Court of Texas

Southern and Eastern

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas

Appellate Section, Council member and Judicial and Section History Committee

DRI (Defense Research Institute)

Appellate Advocacy Seminar Committee

Houston Red Mass

Planning Committee

St. Thomas More Society of Houston

Secretary 2018-2020

First Court of Appeals of Texas, Hon. George C. Hanks, Jr

Clerkship

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Hon. Emilio M. Garza

Internship