

Craig L. Dowis

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Craig Dowis represents numerous commercial and residential real estate brokers and agents, appraisers, insurance agents, engineers, architects, title companies, lawyers, and inspectors. This representation includes pre-suit consultations regarding contract disputes, litigation and Texas Real Estate Commission complaints against real estate professionals.

In addition to this representation, Craig conducts seminars to real estate agencies and appraisers concerning litigation avoidance and other critical issues facing their profession.

Representative Experience

Defended real estate brokerage in a transaction involving the sale of an approximate \$725 million residential property, believed to be the largest residential transaction in history at the time of the sale.

Defended prominent Plaintiff's attorney in multi-day arbitration arising out of claims for legal malpractice. Arbitration panel completely exonerated client.

Negotiated exclusive marketing and sale agreement for high profile condominium complex on behalf of premier Dallas luxury real estate broker.

Obtained no action finding of complaint filed against real estate brokerage and agent with Texas Real Estate Commission for unauthorized practice of real estate in Texas.

Resolved multi-million dollar real estate agent claims involving high-profile plaintiffs.

Represented multiple commercial real estate brokers in connection with claims involving allegations of fraud and violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Represented numerous engineers and architects relating to negligence claims in connection with their professional services.

Obtained a directed verdict in favor of real estate agent/agency clients in a week-long trial in a difficult venue involving a premises liability claim.

Obtained multiple summary judgment rulings on real estate agent/agency disclosure issues and commission disputes.

Negotiated favorable settlement of DTPA, negligence, fraud, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claims against Texas insurance agency and individual agents filed in difficult venue.

Represented title company involving foreclosure of multiple properties resulting in a favorable settlement.

Represented numerous property inspectors involving negligence and DTPA claims, obtaining favorable resolutions.

Obtained multiple dismissal's of claims against real estate agents/agencies without offering any settlement money.

Negotiated confidential sales agreement for a high-profile purchaser in the Preston Hollow area of Dallas.

Resolved appraisal board complaint against a prominent Dallas appraiser.

Resolved Texas Real Estate Commission complaints against multiple real estate agents.

Obtained favorable resolution for insurance agents involving claims of DTPA, Insurance code violations, negligence and breach of fiduciary duty.

Awards & Recognition

SUPER LAWYERS - RISING STARS

Listed for Professional Liability

2010-2013

Related Services

Business and Commercial

Professional Liability

Publications & Speaking Engagements

When the Hammer May Not be a Tool for Settlement

May 19, 2014

Litigation Overview

General Star Texas Insurance Agent

2013

Appraiser and Real Estate Agent Errors and Omissions

General Star Insurance Company

2011

Appraiser Liability Avoidance

Houston Area Appraisal Institute

2010

Appraiser Liability Avoidance

Appraiser Institute Seminar

2008

Dodging Litigation

Republic Title

Real Estate Agent and Broker Litigation

Republic Title of Texas

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University/University of Texas

J.D.

University of Texas at Austin

B.A.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2000

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas: Northern, Southern, Eastern

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Professional Liability Defense Federation

Immediate Past Vice-Chair of the Real Estate Section

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Defense Research Institute

Texas Exes