



## **Jeff D. Otto**

Partner

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Jeff Otto devotes his practice to civil trial work with an emphasis on personal injury litigation, products liability, medical device litigation, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, chemical and toxic tort litigation, insurance litigation, and reinsurance.

Jeff has represented chemical manufacturers, physicians, and nursing homes in serious personal injury and death cases. Additionally, he has handled complex business litigation related to market conduct of insurance carriers and reinsurers.

Jeff is certified by the State Board of Legal Specialization in Personal Injury Trial Law.

### **Representative Experience**

Obtained unanimous defense verdict for premises owner/construction company in a trucking accident at a gravel pit.

Handled multiple fatality and burn cases involving trucking accidents on a statewide basis.

Handled construction accidents involving the collapse of an entire hotel structure involving severe brain injured plaintiff in South Texas.

Handled construction defect litigation with over 75 contractors, subcontractors and design professionals in Central Texas.

Handled defense of attorneys involved in wrongful foreclosure action in federal court in Central Texas.

Handled business litigation involving allegations of internal fraud by insiders in North and Central Texas.

Handled complex medical device litigation involving both off-label use allegations as well as design and manufacturing defect claims.

Handled complex reinsurance treaty claims in arbitration arising from receivership of Texas domiciled admitted carrier.

Handled claims and suits involving toxic products alleged to have resulted in non-Hodgkin's lymphomas.

Handled premises liability claims against national retailer involving manufacturing defect claims where manufacturer was Chinese and beyond reach of U.S. jurisdiction.

## **Awards & Recognition**

### THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed for Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants  
2008-2023

### THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Lawyer of the Year list  
2014, 2016, 2018-2019, 2023

### TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS

Listed for Personal Injury - General: Defense, Professional Liability: Defense, Civil Litigation: Defense  
2003-2022

### MARTINDALE-HUBBELL

AV Peer Review Rated

### STATE BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law  
1994

## **Related Services**

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Health Care

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Professional Liability

## **Publications & Speaking Engagements**

### Texas Supreme Court Limits Evidence on Medical Expenses

Jul 5, 2011

### After the Accident – Now What?

Fleet Safety Symposium at UT / Pickle Research Center

2010

### Cross-Examination of Experts

TADC/U.T. Construction Law Seminars

2007

### Risk Transfer Agreements; The Express Negligence Rule; Ethyl Doctrine in Texas

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

2007

### Cross-Examination of Experts

TADC/U.T. Construction Law Seminars

2004

## **Education, Admissions & Activities**

### EDUCATION

#### Baylor University School of Law

J.D., 1980

#### University of Texas at Austin

B.B.A., 1977

Marketing and Finance

### BAR ADMISSIONS

#### Texas

1980

### COURT ADMISSIONS

#### United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western

### PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

#### Texas Association of Defense Counsel (TADC)

Speakers Committee

Medmarc Defense Group

Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)