



## Charles W. Settle Jr.

Partner

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Charles Settle defends professionals, including lawyers, accountants, design and construction companies, real estate brokers and agents, investment advisers, broker-dealers, and registered representatives in litigation, arbitrations (AAA and FINRA), and administrative proceedings.

Charles also has extensive commercial litigation and transactional experience, particularly in the energy, financial services, health care, and construction industries. As an attorney and CFA, Charles provides expert testimony regarding liability and damages in FINRA arbitrations.

His extensive experience enables him to effectively evaluate claims during the early stages of litigation and develop resolution strategies to mitigate his clients' exposure and costs.

### Representative Experience

Obtained summary judgment for defendants in legal malpractice case arising from clients' unsuccessful prosecution of plaintiff's copyright infringement claims against Steve Harvey in underlying case.

Settled \$2.2 million real estate fraud case against international brokerage company and its client for \$40,000.00 during pre-discovery mediation.

Represented landowners in multi-district litigation against energy companies, alleging breaches of oil and gas leases or surface use agreements. Favorably settled cases after mediation.

Represented franchisee in federal lawsuit in Arizona (admitted pro hac vice) against franchisor. Favorably settled case after mediation, then represented client in sale of assets.

Outside general counsel to financial services company. Represented client in all matters, excepting tax, including defense of (a) class-action in California state court and (b) tortious interference claims in North

Carolina state court (admitted pro hac vice in both cases.)

Before, during, and after trial, alleged and proved that statute of frauds barred plaintiff's claims in real estate partnership litigation, which preserved error, resulting in court of appeals' reversal of trial court's judgment on verdict against client and rendition of take nothing judgment against plaintiff.

## Awards & Recognition

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants

2025-2026

## Related Services

Business and Commercial

Professional Liability

## Education, Admissions & Activities

### EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law

J.D., 1990

Associate Editor, The Review of Litigation

University of Virginia

B.A. with Distinction, 1981

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

1990

### COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Northern and Eastern

### PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Girls Inc. of Tarrant County

Former President

Arlington Museum of Art

Former President

Rotary Club of Arlington

Paul Harris Fellow

CFA Institute

Member (retired)