THOMPSON COE

George H. Arnold

Partner

garnold@thompsoncoe.com

713-403-8388

George Arnold devotes his practice to defending individuals, corporations, healthcare providers, insurance agents and insurers in litigation primarily in state and federal courts in Southeast Texas and South Texas. He has tried jury and bench trials in courts in the Houston and surrounding areas and as far south as McAllen, Texas along the Texas-Mexico border. He has significant experience representing clients in serious injury and death cases and representing insurance professionals and insurers in bad faith, property and hurricane litigation involving personal insurance, commercial insurance, and life and health insurance.

George regularly serves as lead counsel defending clients in litigation based upon claims of premises liability, product liability and professional liability, and violations of the Texas Dram Shop Statute, Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act and Texas Insurance Code.

Before joining Thompson Coe, George was in-house counsel at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for 12 years serving as counsel in the Claims Department and the General Counsel's Office. His experience at Fireman's Fund involved representation of the insurer and insureds, as well as litigation management and the development of strategic outside counsel arrangements.

Representative Experience

Defended owners and managers of shopping malls, hospitality industry, apartment complexes and other commercial properties in general premises liability, security, elevator and escalator litigation.

Defended general contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers in construction accident and construction defect litigation.

Defended physicians and ancillary healthcare professionals in medical malpractice litigation and mass pharmaceutical litigation.

Defended petrochemical industry producers, refiners, transporters, sellers and affiliated trades in well-site, refinery, trucking and store litigation.

Defended insurance agents in errors and omissions claims involving personal, commercial, life and health insurance.

Defended insurers in extra-contractual claims involving personal and commercial insurance and particularly hurricane litigation.

Appellate representation of clients in Houston and Beaumont Courts of Appeals and U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans.

Directed verdict in Harris County for commercial premises owner in security case.

Obtained defense verdict in Harris County for insurance agent in errors & omissions case involving placement of general liability coverage issue.

Obtained summary judgment in McAllen, Texas for insurance agent in errors & omissions case involving $1,000,000 life insurance policy.

Awards & Recognition

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA
Listed for Litigation – Insurance and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants
2025-2026

TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION
Fellow
2013

Related Services

Insurance

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Professional Liability

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Hurricane Litigation After Mediation Fails

9th Seminar on Texas Insurance Law Developments

2010

Settling It Once and for All: What you Need to Know about Liens

Texas Insurance and Tort Law Update

2008

Subrogation and Liens: Basic Principles and Practical Consideration

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Claims Department webinar

2008

After the Storm: Property and Business Interruption Issues

Crum & Forster

January 2007

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law

J.D., 1992

Baylor University

B.A., 1989

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

1992

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western

United States Bankruptcy Court of Texas

Southern District

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Houston Bar Association

AIDS Outreach Committee, 2007–present; Special Olympics Committee, 2007–2008

Habitat for Humanity

HBA project volunteer

Human Rights Campaign

Partner, 1996–present

Texas Bar Foundation

Fellow