

Heather H. Phelps

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Heather Phelps focuses her litigation practice on premises liability, dram shop, products liability, automobile/trucking accidents, and construction cases.

Heather has represented product manufacturers, premises owners, grocery stores, hospitals, apartment complexes, movie theaters, security companies, general contractors, subcontractors, property management companies, real estate agents, trucking companies, road construction companies, flooring distributors, and flooring installers in personal injury, wrongful death, breach of contract, fire, and property damage cases.

Heather's work with general contractors and subcontractors has involved issues including structural, flooding, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, stucco, road construction, and safety, including fall protection and shoring. Her work for product manufacturers and retailers has included products such as doors, seatbelts, paving machines, feed supplements, chain assemblies, and manufactured homes.

Representative Experience

Obtained summary judgment in a sexual assault case against an apartment complex in Dallas county.

Obtained summary judgment for a subcontractor in a personal injury case arising from a construction site accident in Tarrant County.

Convinced the plaintiffs in a wrongful death case to nonsuit their claims against the property owner where an independent contractor fell through a skylight on a roof and sustained fatal injuries.

Obtained defense verdict representing a grocery store in a personal injury suit arising from a slip and fall accident in Dallas County, Texas.

Obtained defense verdict in Dallas County, Texas, in a premises liability suit against a grocery store owner.

Obtained favorable jury verdict in a premises liability case where the total damages awarded were significantly less than the plaintiff's last settlement demand and the jury placed 50% responsibility on the plaintiff for the accident in Dallas County, Texas.

Obtained summary judgment for a waste management company in a products liability suit involving a tire explosion in Dallas County, Texas.

Obtained summary judgment for a product manufacturer on a contractual indemnity claim in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division.

Obtained summary judgment on a plaintiff's negligence and premises liability claims against a grocery store owner in Dallas County, Texas.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a top movie theater chain in a premises liability case in Tarrant County, Texas.

Obtained summary judgment on a plaintiff's premises liability claim against a movie theater in Dallas County, Texas.

Obtained favorable resolution for a property owner during trial in a lawsuit involving an elevator accident in Kaufman County, Texas.

Obtained a defense verdict in Hunt County for a manufactured home manufacturer in a negligence/products liability action arising from a trucking accident.

Obtained a defense verdict on behalf of a movie theatre in a premises liability case in Dallas County.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a movie theatre in a premises liability case in Dallas County.

Convinced the Dallas Court of Appeals to overturn a default judgment taken against a Fortune 500 company.

Obtained summary judgment for a temporary employment agency in a premises liability case where the plaintiff claimed several hundred thousand dollars in damages.

Obtained summary judgment for an international union in South Texas on a negligence claim arising from a motor vehicle accident.

Defended a door manufacturer in a products liability case arising from the kidnapping, sexual assault, and attempted murder of the plaintiff.

Obtained a take nothing judgment for a Fortune 500 company in a negligent installation case.

Resolved a products liability claim where the plaintiff was seeking several hundred thousand dollars in damages against a product manufacturer for a nominal amount.

Awards & Recognition

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants

2025

SUPER LAWYERS - RISING STAR

Listed for Personal Injury - General: Defense

2010-2012, 2014-2016

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL

AV Peer Review Rated

Related Services

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Premises Liability and Chapter 95

Texas Litigation Update

2014

Liability for Construction Defects and Failures

Halfmoon Seminars

2013

Premises Liability

PLRB Regional Conferences

2013

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

J.D., 2003

SMU Law Review, Associate Editor

Corporate Counsel Symposium

Phi Delta Phi

The University of Texas at Austin

B.A., 1999

Sociology

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2003

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Eastern, Western

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Texas Young Lawyers Association

DRI (Defense Research Institute)

Product Liability Committee and Construction Law Committee; Restaurants, Hotels, & Hospitality