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Jon Paul Melton is an experienced trial lawyer with a proven track record of proactively managing litigation and producing strong, positive results. Due to his trial success and creative approach to litigation, Jon Paul has tried a large variety of cases including product liability, commercial disputes, premises liability, construction defect, auto/trucking accidents, and cases involving catastrophic loss.

With his aggressive, strategic approach to representing his clients, Jon Paul has worked with numerous clients in business disputes, personal injury, wrongful death, breach of contract, and property claims including property owners and management companies, general contractors, subcontractors, churches, private schools, and restaurants.

Jon Paul has successfully tried cases to verdict and resolved cases by summary judgment representing trucking companies, product manufacturers and sellers, construction companies, property owners, management companies, oil field service companies, and energy companies. Given Jon Paul's trial accolades and reputation among his peers, he is often asked to present to organizations on an array of topics including ways to avoid potential litigation and helpful strategies once litigation arises.

Representative Experience

Represented pavement marking service provider for alleged negligent hiring, training, supervising, and retention in Upshur County, Texas. After voir dire and empaneling a jury, the case settled for \$8 million less than the pre-trial demand.

Obtained a defense verdict in Collin County, Texas representing trucking company in high-stakes litigation related to traumatic brain injury.

Obtained defense verdict for national transportation company in lawsuit facing claims of negligence, negligent hiring, training, and supervision, negligent entrustment, and gross negligence.

Obtained summary judgment and indemnity for manufacturer facing \$50M demand in products liability lawsuit.

Obtained defense verdict for property owner and management company in premises liability lawsuit.

Obtained defense verdict for professional agent in errors and omissions lawsuit.

Obtained declaratory judgment for London syndicate seeking affirmation of coverage decision.

Obtained a defense verdict in Tarrant County, Texas involving multiple claimants alleging serious personal injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident.

Successfully defended commercial motor coach company in lawsuit arising from accident which involved three fatalities and forty-four plaintiffs.

Obtained defense verdict for UM/UIM carrier in lawsuit involving claims for personal injuries, property damage, and lost wages.

Obtained summary judgment for premises owner in lawsuit alleging dangerous condition.

Obtained summary judgment for commercial motor coach company in lawsuit facing wrongful death and survival claims.

Obtained summary judgment for construction company in lawsuit facing claims for personal injuries, negligence, and gross negligence.

Awards & Recognition

BEST LAWYER IN AMERICA

Listed for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants 2025-2026

Related Services

Business and Commercial

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law

J.D., 2008

Texas A&M University

B.S., 2004

Economics and Business Administration

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2008

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Southern, Eastern

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Dallas Bar Association

Trucking Industry Defense Association

Litigation Section of Texas State Bar

Automotive Industry Professionals

Motor Carrier Safety Group

Dallas Claims Association