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Michael Eady is a civil appellate attorney, licensed in Texas, Colorado and New Mexico and has been Board Certified in Texas Civil Appellate Law for over 30 years. He has the unique experience of representing clients in the most challenging litigation environments.

Since 1995, he has been teamed with national and local counsel to assist in the trial and appeal, if necessary, in cases across the U.S. He and members of his team have served as embedded counsel at trial throughout the country, primarily in product liability litigation. In the last ten years, those cases have been predominantly in Texas, New Mexico, Georgia, and Louisiana.

Representative Experience

Partial success in correcting an erroneous lower court's construction of the term "reckless" in Georgia's Repose Statute.
Ford Motor Co. v. Cosper, 893 S.E.2d 106 (2023)

Successfully limited over-expansive constructions of Georgia's seatbelt gag-rule.
Domingue v. Ford Motor Co., 314 Ga. 59 (2022)

Successfully overturned an intermediate court decision expanding tort liability of insurance companies through the extension of the tort of good faith and fair dealing.
Elephant Ins. Co. v Kenyon, 644 S.W.3d 137 (Tex. 2022)

Successfully changed over 100 years of law pertaining to the submission of certain jury charge definitions. This opinion culminated the error preservation strategy for multiple cases developed years before this case was tried.
Ford Motor Co. v. Ledesma, 242 S.W.3d 32, 51 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 250 (Tex. 2007)

Successfully protected confidentiality of Volvo Car documents, overturning contrary rulings by the trial and intermediate appellate court.
In re Ford Motor Co., 211 S.W.3d 295, 50 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 291 (Tex. 2006)

Successfully overturned both trial court and intermediate appellate court's decision allowing a $100,000 ad litem fee.
Land Rover U.K., Ltd. v. Hinojosa, 210 S.W.3d 604, 50 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 236 (Tex. 2006)

Successfully overturned both the trial court and intermediate appellate court's decision denying a mandatory legislative trial continuance.
In re Ford Motor Co., 165 S.W.3d 315, 48 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 808 (Tex. 2005)

Successfully overturned intermediate appellate court's holdings on circumstantial proof in product liability fire loss case.
Ford Motor Co. v. Ridgway, 135 S.W.3d 598, 47 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 266 (Tex. 2004)

Successfully upheld lower court's rulings protecting psychiatrists from liability in excess of the tort claims act limits.
Dallas Cnty. Mental Health & Mental Retardation v. Bossley, 968 S.W.2d 339, 41 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 653 (Tex. 1998), cert. denied, 118 S. Ct. 541 (1998)

Successfully overturned intermediate appellate court's holdings concerning personal jurisdiction of Texas courts over a French Wine press manufacturer.
CMMC v. Salinas, 929 S.W.2d 435, 39 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 1043 (Tex.1996)

Successfully overturned intermediate appellate court's holdings on the scope of a guardian ad litem's role.
American Gen. Fire & Cas. Co. v. Vandewater, 907 S.W.2d 491, 38 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 877 (Tex. 1995)

EMBEDDED APPELLANT COUNSEL CASES

Cause No. 2020-06964, Steve Aaron, Sr. v. Bancroft Bag Inc., et al. in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana

Cause No. D-101-CV-2017-02015, Lee Hunt, Esq. as Personal Representative of the Wrongful Death Estate of Katheryn Armijo, Deceased, et al. v. Werner Enterprises, Inc., et al, First Judicial District Court, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Civil Action File No. 16 C 04179-2, Kim Hill and Adam Hill, surviving children and Co-Administrators of the Estates of Melvin Hill and Voncile Hill, deceased v. Ford Motor company et al., in the state court of Gwinnett County, Georgia

Case No. 4:23-CV-88 (CDL), James Edward Brogden et al v. Ford Motor Company, in the United States District Court, M.D. Georgia, Columbus Div.

Cause No. DC; 04-254; Danny Roy Lopez, et al. v. Pool Company of Texas, Ltd, et al.; In the 229th Judicial District Court of Starr County, Texas

Cause No. 03-H-0089-C; Kenneth Wayne Mead, Jr., et al vs. Ford Motor Company, et al; In the 23rd Judicial District Court of Matagorda County, Texas

Cause No. 04-10-00098-CVL; Rosalinda S. Zamora, et al. vs. Ford Motor Company, et al.; In the 218th Judicial District Court of La Salle County, Texas

Cause No. 2013-CCL-1045; Robert Castillo v. Ford Motor Company; In the Texas County Court at Law No. 3, Cameron County, Texas.

Cause No. 11-08-50394-CV; Jesus De Los Santos v. Ford Motor Company, et al.; In the 79th Judicial District Court, Jim Wells County, Texas

Case No.: A-11-641059-C; Teresa Garcia Trejo, et al. v. Alan Koransky, Ford Motor Company, et al.;In the District Court of Clark County, Nevada

Docket No. 2008-6506; Christine Morvant, et al. v. Ford Motor Company, et al.; In the 14th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana

Docket No. 39092 B; Sunday Brumfield, et al. v. Ford Motor Company, et al.;in the 20th Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Feliciana, Louisiana

Successfully interpretation of a novel issue of Texas law interpreting a statute indemnifying health care professionals whose practice includes providing indigent care.
State v. Pruett, 900 S.W.2d 335, 38 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 874 (Tex.1995)

Successfully obtained a favorable construction of a limitations tolling provision.
Parker v. Cumming, 216 S.W.3d 905 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2007, pet. denied), cert. denied, 128 S. Ct. 1671 (2008)

Successfully upheld favorable jury verdict.
North Am. Van Lines, Inc. v. Emmons, 50 S.W.3d 103 (Tex. App.—Beaumont, 2001, pet. denied)

Successfully upheld favorable jury verdict following an appeal from the second trial of the same case.
Mares v. Ford Motor Co., 53 S.W.3d 416 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2001, no pet.)

Unsuccessful attempt to overturn an adverse jury verdict.
Muth v. Ford Motor Co., 461 F.3d 557 (5th Cir. 2006)

Melton v. Teachers Ins. & Annuity Ass'n of Am., 114 F.3d 557, 79 A.F.T.R.2d 97-3012, 97-2 USTC P 50,492, (5th Cir. 1997)

Successful appeal construing recent 2003 Texas Tort Reform statutes creating a presumption of no liability based upon compliance with governmental standards.
Wright v. Ford Motor Co., 508 F.3d 263 (5th Cir. 2007)

In re Ford Motor Co., 591 F.3d 406 (5th Cir. 2009), cert. denied, 130 S. Ct. 3467 (2010)

Successfully overturned conditions imposed by trial court in dismissing a case under the doctrine of forum non conveniens.

Ford Motor Co. v. Villanueva, 302 S.W.3d 476 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2009, no pet.)

Created new law in situations setting aside a settlement premised upon notes from the jury foreperson which appear to have been the result of a rogue juror or outside influence.

Ford Motor Co. v. Castillo, 279 S.W.3d 656 (Tex. 2009)

REPRESENTATIVE APPEALS

Nester v. Textron, Inc., 888 F.3d 151, 162 (5th Cir. 2018)

Wackenhut Corp. v. Gutierrez, 453 S.W.3d 917 (Tex. 2015)

In re Ford Motor Co., 427 S.W.3d 396 (Tex 2014)

Garza v. Ford Motor Co., 423 S.W.3d 442 (Tex. App. 2013)

Ford Motor Co. v. Stewart, Cox, and Hatcher,390 S.W.3d 294 (Tex. 2013)

Ford Motor Co. v. Garcia, 363 S.W.3d 573 (Tex. 2012)

Ford Motor Co. v. Villanueva, 302 S.W.3d 476 (Tex. App. 2009)

Ford Motor Co. v. Ledesma,242 S.W.3d 32 (Tex. 2007)

Parker v. Cumming, 216 S.W.3d 905 (Tex. App.-Eastland 2007, pet. denied)

CMMC v. Salinas, 929 S.W.2d 435 (Tex.1996)

OTHER RECENT APPEALS OF INTEREST

Discovery

In re Central Oregon Truck Co., Inc., 649 S.W.3d 668 (Tex. 2022)

Spoliation

Wackenhut Corporation v. Gutierrez, 453 S.W.3d 917 (Tex. 2015)

Personal Jurisdiction

Emo Trans, Inc. v. Inmobiliaria Axial, S.A. de CV, 657 S.W.3d 772 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2022, pet. denied)

Statute of Repose and Choice of Law

Stevenson v. Ford Motor Company, 608 S.W.3d 109 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2020)

Choice of Law

Toyota Motor Company v. Cook, 581 S.W.3d 278 (Tex. App.—Beaumont 2019)

Personal Jurisdiction

2019 Zoch v. Magna Seating (Germany) Gmbh, 810 Fed.Appx. 285 (5th Cir. 2020)

vRide, Inc. v. Ford Motor Co., No. 05-15-1377-CV, 2017 WL 462348, at *6 (Tex. App.—Dallas Feb. 2, 2017, no pet.)

Indemnity

Awards & Recognition

TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS

Listed for Appellate, General Litigation

2007-2023, 2026

TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law

1995

Related Services

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Texas Supreme Court Clarifies Employer Liability in Trucking Accident Cases

Jun 30, 2025

Legal Malpractice and Breach of Fiduciary Duty: Andy Attorney, Mother Teresa, and the Politics of the PJC

UTLAW 27th Annual Conference on State and Federal Appeals

2017

Does One Size Fit All—Breach of Fiduciary Pattern Jury Questions,

The Advocate - Fiduciary Duties

2014

A Practitioner's Guide For the Use of Protective Orders and Confidentiality Agreements

State Bar Litigation Section Report, The Advocate, Vol. 27

2004

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Texas Tech University School of Law

J.D., 1986

Texas Tech Law Review

Board of Barristers

Texas Tech University
B.A., summa cum laude, 1983

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Mexico
2022

Colorado
1997

Texas
1986

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth and Seventh Circuit

United States District Court of Texas
Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western

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United States Supreme Court

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