



Sean B. Swords

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Sean Swords has tried cases involving wrongful death, personal injuries, and construction disputes to verdict before juries in State and Federal courts in Central Texas and across the State. He has successfully preserved trial court rulings in multiple Texas appellate courts and at the Texas Supreme Court. He has also represented clients in arbitrations and in front of the Texas Division of Workers' Compensation. Sean's practice focuses on representing clients in the defense of death and catastrophic personal injury actions including defending manufacturers in product liability cases, defending companies in electrocution cases, defending businesses in transportation and trucking cases, and defending bars, restaurants, and commercial property owners in premises liability cases.

Sean serves as a Director at Large on the Board of Directors for the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and serves on the product liability committee as Vice-Chair of Regulatory, Risk, and Safety for DRI, the largest international membership organization of attorneys defending the interests of businesses in civil litigation.

Representative Experience

Successfully defended Austin restaurant at summary judgment phase for allegations of overservice of intoxicated patron which resulted in an automobile accident and alleged wrongful death.

Successfully defended commercial property owner at summary judgment phase for allegations of premises liability when Plaintiff fell from concrete silo and sustained severe personal injuries.

Represented client in real estate fraud case through jury trial which resulted in a take-nothing judgment in favor of client.

Represented client through jury trial and obtained favorable jury verdict in case that involved an electrocution at a construction site which resulted in a fatality.

Represented client through jury trial and obtained favorable jury verdict in premises liability case which involved two fatalities.

Represented clients through jury trial and obtained favorable jury verdict in engineering malpractice case.

Represented client through jury trial and obtained favorable jury verdict in 18-wheeler case which resulted in a fatality.

Represented valet service company in premises liability case through jury trial and received a take-nothing judgment in favor of client.

Represented subcontractor in construction of hotel through jury trial against allegations of negligence in personal injury case which resulted in a take-nothing judgment in favor of client.

Successfully defended a national original equipment manufacturer in a construction accident which resulted in catastrophic injuries.

Defended numerous bars, restaurants, and resorts in liquor liability (Dram Shop) cases where over-service was alleged and catastrophic injuries resulted.

Defended manufacturers of construction equipment and other products where catastrophic injuries have resulted.

Defended numerous businesses in auto accidents where negligent hiring and training claims have been alleged.

Awards & Recognition

SUPER LAWYERS

Texas Rising Star

2021-2025

Related Services

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Publications & Speaking Engagements

The Texas Dram Shop Act and Litigation

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Spring Meeting

Louisville, Kentucky

April 2025

Dram Shop Litigation
Austin Claims Association
Austin, Texas
November 2024

The Intersection of Criminal Law and Civil Law
Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Annual Meeting
Horseshoe Bay, Texas
2024

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

SMU Dedman School of Law
J.D., 2016
Notes and Comments Editor for the SMU Science & Technology Law Review
Class Representative in the Student Bar Association

Texas Tech University
B.B.A, 2013
Management
summa cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas
2016

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Texas Association of Defense Counsel
Board of Directors – Director at Large, Chair, Young Lawyers Committee

DRI, Lawyers Representing Business
Vice-Chair, Regulatory, Risk, and Safety Specialized Litigation Group, Product Liability Committee

The Lloyd C. Lochridge American Inn of Court

Austin Bar Association

Transportation Lawyers Association

Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow