



Thomas J. Annis

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Thomas Annis is a trial lawyer whose practice primarily focuses on the defense of professional liability matters involving lawyers, accountants, real estate brokerages, title companies, insurance agents, property managers, and other professional clients. He also represents clients in commercial litigation matters, ranging from simple contract cases to complex business disputes.

Thomas combines his strong written and oral advocacy skills with an energetic, detail-oriented approach to every case his clients entrust him with no matter the size of the dispute. He strives to be a tough advocate for the interests of his clients by forcing his adversaries to prove their claims and efficiently obtaining dismissal of them when they cannot.

Representative Experience

Obtained take-nothing defense verdict for real estate brokerage and real estate agent after trial in lawsuit involving claims of negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud brought by former clients

Obtained take-nothing arbitration award for prominent plaintiff's attorney and his law firm after multi-week final hearing in arbitration involving claims of legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty brought by former clients; in addition, arbitrator awarded firm its entire multi-million-dollar contingency fee

Obtained take-nothing arbitration award for mortgage field services provider after multi-day final hearing in arbitration involving claims of breach of contract and several other claims brought by former subcontractor

Obtained take-nothing summary judgment for owner of multi-million-dollar apartment complex in lawsuit involving trespass to try title claim arising out of alleged fraudulent deeds

Obtained take-nothing summary judgment on behalf of real estate brokerage and agent in lawsuit involving claims of negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud in a real estate transaction brought by former clients

Obtained summary judgment in bill of review case overturning \$1+ million default judgment entered against client by successfully arguing client was not served properly in underlying case

Obtained take-nothing summary judgment for law firm in lawsuit involving claims of legal malpractice based on novel application of the Hughes tolling rule; judgment upheld on appeal by Dallas Court of Appeals and Texas Supreme Court

Obtained voluntary dismissal after summary judgment motion practice for lawyers and their law firm in lawsuit involving claims for defamation, business disparagement, malicious prosecution, and civil conspiracy brought by cable news personality in connection with issuance of press release by law firm related to underlying case against plaintiff

Obtained take-nothing summary judgment for real property owner in lawsuit involving claims of easement by estoppel, breach of restrictive covenants, and declaratory relief brought by neighboring landowner

Successfully defended numerous administrative complaints filed against real estate brokerages and agents with the Texas Real Estate Commission with no action taken

Awards & Recognition

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA: ONES TO WATCH

Listed for Commercial Litigation; Professional Malpractice Litigation - Defendants

2021-2024

Related Services

Business and Commercial

Professional Liability

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

SMU Dedman School of Law

J.D., cum laude, 2012

Dean's List

International Law Review Association

University of Texas at Austin

B.A., magna cum laude

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Liberal Arts Honors program

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2012

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Eastern, Southern, Western

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Dallas Bar Association