



FIELDS ALEXANDER

PARTNER

Fields Alexander has won verdicts for both plaintiffs and defendants in a number of difficult venues. His success with juries has been recognized by his peers, as evidenced by his election into the International Society of Barristers, The American Board of Trial Advocates, and by his repeated recognition as one of the best lawyers in America in several practice areas. He has a national practice, and frequently appears for clients not only across Texas, but throughout the country. He has also successfully handled a number of arbitrations and appeals.

Fields is, by choice, a trial lawyer whose focus is on the art of advocacy as opposed to a particular practice area. He has significant experience in disputes concerning professional malpractice, business torts, commercial transactions, intellectual property, and significant personal injury claims.

Following law school, Fields served as a law clerk to the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

In 2015, served as lead counsel in representing a family in successfully challenging a series of wills that bequeathed a significant portion of a widow's estate to her stockbroker. Following a two week trial in probate court in Jefferson County, Texas, the jury disregarded 15 consecutive wills, finding that the last valid will was one executed in 2006 that left the entire estate to the family.

In 2015, successfully defended clients in an arbitration arising out of a commercial real estate transaction. Claimants were awarded nothing, and were required to pay several hundred thousand dollars in fees and costs to the firm's clients.

In 2014, successfully defended a federal action against ExxonMobil with Beck Redden Partner Eric Nichols. Plaintiffs (two environmental advocacy groups) sought over \$600M in civil penalties and injunctive relief in connection with alleged violations of the Clean Air Act at ExxonMobil's Baytown Complex. Following a three week trial, the court found for ExxonMobil and awarded plaintiffs nothing.

In 2014, successfully defended client in a commercial arbitration alleging fraud, professional malpractice, and general negligence. Claimants sought over \$1 million and were awarded nothing.

In 2011, successfully defended an arbitration brought by General Electric with Beck Redden partner Russell Post. General Electric sought over \$5M in a business dispute involving alleged indemnity obligations. The Panel ruled in favor of Beck Redden's client, awarding GE nothing.

In 2009, represented a plaintiff as lead trial counsel in a commercial dispute in Chicago federal court with Jones Day's Chicago Office. The jury found for plaintiff on all

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claims, awarded all sought damages, and rejected all of the defendant's counterclaims. Mr. Alexander subsequently argued the appeal of this judgment before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which affirmed in all respects.

In 2008, successfully defended a client in a commercial real estate arbitration. Claimant sought over \$1M and was awarded nothing.

In 2006, Fields and Beck Redden partner Joe Redden successfully defended a strict liability/pharmaceutical case at trial in a Jefferson County, Texas state court. Defendant stipulated liability and prevailed with the jury on causation.

In 2004, served as co-lead counsel in the successful defense of several jury trials in Jefferson County, Texas, alleging fraud and intentional misconduct and asserting damages in excess of \$40M. Significant wrongful death and personal injury claims were involved. One trial resulted in a nominal damage award which was subsequently reversed and rendered on appeal. The other resulted in a complete defense verdict.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers

Member, American Board of Trial Advocates

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Fellow, International Society of Barristers

Member, State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Rules Committee

State Bar of Texas Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee

- Member, 2008 - 2013

- Chair, 2011 - 2013

Member, HBA Professionalism Committee

International Association of Defense Counsel

Professional Liability Defense Federation, Member

Adjunct Professor, University of Houston, Spring 2008, Fall 2004

AWARDS AND RANKINGS

Named in *Best Lawyers in America*, Texas for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants and Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2009 -2018

Recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* as a Local Litigation Star, 2012- 2018

Named in Thomson Reuters *Texas Super Lawyers* - General Litigation, 2012 - 2017

RELATED NEWS

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Beck Redden Attorneys Recognized in Super Lawyers Business Edition

06.13.12

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Texas Bar's Annual Business Torts Update, Fiduciary Duty in Texas, October 2009

Buddy Can You Spare a Federal Issue? Federal Jurisdiction in Certain Legal Malpractice Claims, *IADC Professional Liability Newsletter*, September 2008

Texas Bar's Annual Litigation Update Institute, Commercial Litigation Update, January 2008

Panel member, Annual Taxpayers Against Fraud Conference, Washington, D.C., September 2006

EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1992

B.A., The University of Texas, 1987

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas