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ALEX B. ROBERTS

PARTNER

Alex represents both plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial litigation, professional liability and attorney disciplinary matters, fiduciary litigation, business disputes, employment, trade secret, products liability, and personal injury matters, to name a few. He has deep experience in the oil and gas and other energy-related industries, professional services industry, construction, and real estate sectors, among others. Before joining Beck Redden, Alex served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Alex currently serves as the Firm's Hiring Partner and maintains a strong commitment to pro bono legal work, serving on the board of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers. He also remains actively involved in community service activities across Houston, values he forged while serving as an Americorps volunteer in Houston's Third Ward. Alex has been repeatedly recognized as a *Texas Super Lawyer*, a *Rising Star*, and was named to *Benchmark Litigation's* nationwide Under 40 Hot List.

RELATED PRACTICES

Products Liability/Personal Injury

Commercial Litigation

Class Action & Multi-District Litigation

Energy

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented Cameron International Corporation (blowout preventer manufacturer) in the Gulf oil spill Multidistrict Litigation. After six weeks of trial, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana found that Cameron was not liable to any claimant and entered an order completely dismissing Cameron from the litigation.

Represented individual pension holders pursuing fraud claims against brokerage firm in jury trial in federal court. Obtained a jury verdict of several million dollars. Case settled on appeal.

Defended Texas-based AM Law 100 firm in case involving allegations of fraud and conspiracy. Alex, along with partner Michael Richardson, obtained dismissal of claims against law firm under new Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 91a. The dismissal was affirmed on appeal.

NAMED
RISING STAR
IN TEXAS 2012-16
THOMSON REUTERS SUPER LAWYERS

RECIPIENT 2015
RISING STAR
UH LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Represented electrical subcontractor in Florida arbitration pursuing claims against general contractor for breach of contract and fraud.

Defended private equity firm against claims of trade secret misappropriation in Texas state court.

First-chair jury trial in a federal inmate abuse civil rights lawsuit. Secured favorable plaintiff's verdict for pro bono client following three-day trial.

Obtained take-nothing judgment in favor of firm client, Meritage Homes, in first-chair bench trial in Harris County.

Represented top 10 Fortune 500 company in trademark infringement lawsuit in Texas federal court.

Represented top 10 Fortune 500 company in employment lawsuit. A former company executive brought suit seeking damages for stock incentive awards.

Represented boutique law firm in a legal malpractice action in Texas federal court arising out of a copyright infringement action.

Represented major international law firm in a legal malpractice action in Louisiana federal court arising out of a transaction for a Central American electrical power plant.

Represented boutique Florida law firm in legal malpractice action in Harris County brought by former client.

Pursued claims against Next Financial, Inc. for claims of wrongful employment termination. Case settled on confidential favorable terms for client.

Represented defendants in housing discrimination lawsuit in Houston federal court over the sale of a multi-million dollar home.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Director, University of Houston Law Center Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2017-2019

Director, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, 2018-2019

Secretary, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, 2017-2019

Chair-Elect, Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, 2018-2019

Board of Directors, Texas Young Lawyers Association, 2013-2015

Director, Houston Law Review Board of Directors

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Assistant Editor and Member Ex Officio, The Advocate, State Bar Litigation Section Report

Member, Young Lawyers Committee, National Center for State Courts

Member, State Bar Litigation Section

Member, Houston Bar Association

Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association

HONORS & AWARDS

Texas Super Lawyers, General Litigation, 2016-2019

"Rising Star," *Texas Super Lawyers*, General Litigation, 2012-2016

Future Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2018

"Under 40 Hot List," General Commercial, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2016-2018

Houstonia Magazine 2018 Top Lawyer

Recipient of the 2015 University of Houston Law Center Alumni Association Rising Star Award

Recipient of the 2013-2014 Texas Young Lawyers Association Outstanding First Year Director Award

Distinguished Service Award, University of Houston Law Center, 2006

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. Beck and A. Roberts, *Legal Malpractice in Texas (Third Edition)*, 70 Baylor L. Rev. 213 (2018)

Co-Author, *Anti-SLAPP from the Defense Perspective*, 84 The Advocate 24 (2018)

Presenter, *2018 Legal Malpractice & Ethics Update*, TADC 2018 Summer Seminar

Co-Author and Co-Presenter, *Anti-SLAPP and Rule 91a Motions Update: Ending The Lawsuit Before it Begins*, 33rd Annual Litigation Update, State Bar of Texas (January 2017)

Co-Author, *Texas Supreme Court Adopts Judicial Error Rule in Legal Mal Cases*, The Texas Lawbook, July 2016

Presenter and Author, *Updates in Legal Malpractice: What's New and What's Next*, 2016 TADC Summer Seminar

Course Director, *Success Strategies and Key Lessons for Young Lawyers*, Texas Bar CLE, 2014

Presenter, *Understanding the Grievance Process and Tips on How to Avoid a Malpractice Claim*, AABA Solo and Small Firm Committee, 2014

Presenter, *Grievance 101*, HBA/CLE All Day Ethics, November 2014

Panelist, *Launching Your Legal Career - Tips for Success*, Justice James A. Baker Guide to the Basics of Law Practice, Texas Center for Legal Ethics CLE, December 2013, Houston, Texas

Presenter and Author, *Strange Bedfellows: How the U.S. Congress and the Texas Supreme Court Have Changed Removal to Federal Courts in Texas, and Other Pitfalls to Avoid Remand*, 2012 TADC Summer Seminar

Note, *Reservations on Tribal Sovereignty: How United States v. Lara Will Affect Indians, Tribes, and the Fight to Regain Independence*, 43 Hous. L. Rev. 527 (2006)

EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Houston Law Center, magna cum laude, 2006

- Order of the Coif
- Order of the Barons
- Editor in Chief, *Houston Law Review*

B.A., Philosophy, summa cum laude, The University of Houston, 2002

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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