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OVERVIEW

A seasoned litigator, Jerry brings more than 33 years of knowledge and advocacy to clients' most complex legal matters.

Jerry offers clients more than three decades of extensive trial, litigation and dispute management experience. He has led and served on trial teams representing national companies in complex litigation matters in most every venue across Texas, both in state and federal courts. Although he now focuses his practice on product liability and transportation, he has defended clients in a wide variety of matters including:

- Catastrophic personal injury
- Product liability
- Premises liability
- Security liability
- Consumer fraud and bad faith

Having owned and managed a private statewide litigation defense practice in Texas for 30 years, Jerry recognizes client business demands. Clients appreciate that he strives to eliminate needless expenses in the litigation process and keep their business moving during litigation. Jerry also understands that optimal results are sometimes achieved outside of the courtroom and is known for sophisticated alternative dispute resolution, representing national clients in mediations and arbitrations, as well as serving the Texas legal community as both a mediator and an arbitrator.

Industries

Manufacturing Technology Transportation

Services

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution Product Liability Product Safety Truck, Transit, & Ground

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Jerry has previously served on the State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee for Attorney Discipline (Houston Division) and the State Bar of Texas Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (Houston Division). He was also a professor for the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

Experience

Represented national transportation and product manufacturer in various high-stakes lawsuits
involving catastrophic injuries and deaths throughout state of Texas resulting in defense
verdicts or other favorable resolutions.

Recognition

- Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer, 2023 and 2024
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent

Education

- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law
- B.A., Texas State University

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

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