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AREAS OF PRACTICE

BUSINESS LITIGATION

INSURANCE LITIGATION



Practice Overview

Dennis has extensive experience in a wide variety of litigation, including shareholder/employment disputes, real estate disputes, construction litigation, and partnership disputes. The focus of his practice is currently first party insurance defense (primarily disability-related), which includes both ERISA and non-ERISA cases. Dennis handles litigation matters throughout the country.

Formerly a clerk for the Honorable Jorge A. Solis in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dennis has tried cases in state and federal courts throughout Texas and beyond. He has briefed and argued appeals in Texas appellate courts as well as the Fifth Circuit and the Eighth Circuit. Dennis handles lawsuits from the start of litigation through the entire appellate process.

Honors + Highlights

- Named a Texas Super Lawyer (Texas Monthly, 2024-2025)
- Named a Texas Rising Star (Texas Monthly, 2004-2008)
- Named One of the Top Young Attorneys in Texas (Texas Monthly, 2008)
- Named One of the Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40 (D Magazine, 2002)
- Obtained take nothing verdict on behalf of insurance company in federal court against insured/physician after week-long trial.
- Obtained a jury verdict in excess of \$1.5 million on behalf of a large commercial landlord in a veil-piercing case against a well-known tenant. The Dallas Court of Appeals affirmed the verdict and, after receiving briefs on a petition for review, the Texas Supreme Court declined to grant the petition.
- Successfully represented a minority shareholder in a closely-held company dispute during a 12-day arbitration proceeding. The result was a recovery of more than \$500,000.00.
- Successfully represented a licensing company in a federal court dispute over licensing royalties against a well-known clothing manufacturer.
- Secured summary judgment in the trial court, which was affirmed by the Fifth Circuit, resulting in the licensing company recovering several hundred thousand dollars.
- Mr. Lynch has successfully represented numerous insurance companies in a variety of lawsuits filed in state and federal courts in Texas, New Mexico, South Dakota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Florida, Kansas, and other jurisdictions. During the past three years alone, he has resolved hundreds of insurance disputes either by way of settlement, summary judgment, or trial.



Education

- JD, SMU Dedman School of Law, magna cum laude, 1997
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Order of Barristers
Recipient, Kennedy Scholarship
President, SMU Law Review Association, 1996-1997
Staff Member, SMU Law Review Association, 1995-1996
Outstanding First Year Law Student
- BA, University of Notre Dame, 1991

Admissions + Memberships/Associations/Certifications

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, & Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- Dallas Bar Association

Publications / Speaking Engagements

- Author, The Heavy Issue: Weight-Based Discrimination in the Airline Industry, 62 J. Air Law & Com. 20 (1996)
- Speaker, Tri-County Bar Association, Wichita Falls, TX entitled The Preparation of Witnesses for Deposition
- Speaker, Definitive Disability Conference, Boston, MA entitled A Little Privacy Please! Discovery of Non-Party Personnel Files and Plaintiffs Mental Health Records