



## **Steve Spitzer**

### **Managing Shareholder**

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Steve Spitzer focuses on probate litigation, will contests, guardianship and trust disputes. He also litigates other civil matters, including personal injury cases and business disputes.

Mr. Spitzer's probate clients have disputed wills, trusts, guardianships, and heirships. Mr. Spitzer handles business and commercial litigation, and was extensively involved in representing health care providers prior to the medical negligence tort reform that passed in 2003. He has been active in both personal injury and probate litigation from that point forward, and has a significant area of his current practice devoted to medical negligence litigation.

Mr. Spitzer was a successful litigator for a major Dallas law firm from 1989 to 2011, and has been with Ramey & Flock since 2012. He has litigated many types of cases in his over 27 years of practice. He has served as the first chair attorney in over two dozen jury trials, has been Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1997, and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

#### **Education**

- Baylor University, B.B.A., with honors
- Baylor University School of Law, J. D., cum laude

#### **Certifications**

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rating
- Personal Injury Trial Law
- Texas Board of Legal Specialization

#### **Practice Areas**

- Business & Commercial Litigation
- General Litigation
- Probate Litigation - Estate Disputes
- Wills - Probate - Estate Planning
- Health Care

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- Insurance Defense
  - Premises Liability

### **Representations**

- Trial of will contest involving legal capacity and undue influence of an elderly person who executed a second will within days of death.
- Local Counsel for Fortune 500 company involved in multi-million dollar East Texas lawsuit.
- Guardianship defense of elderly client from claims of mental incapacity.
- Trust revision suit to update terms of decades-old trust containing over \$1 million in assets.
- Jury trial involving defense of wrongful termination against an East Texas employer of over 500 employees.
- Multiple jury trials defending claims against health care providers in East Texas
- Representation of nationwide long term health care provider in contested arbitration

### **Professional Associations**

- State Bar of Texas
- Smith County Bar Association
- Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce
- ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates)

### **Civic Activities**

- Grace Community Church - Elder
- Grace Community School - Board Member
- Rose Capital East Little League

### **Admitted to Practice**

- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- Texas State Courts

### **Selected Publications and Speaking Engagements**

- January 2016, Steve Spitzer spoke at Gollob Morgan Peddy, CPAs on “2015 Legislative Update”
- October 2015, Steve Spitzer was featured speaker at Henderson Co. Bar Association Meeting
- September 2015, Steve Spitzer featured speaker at TAALP monthly luncheon – “Probate, Guardianship & Trust Trends”