



Tom Henson
Of Counsel

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Tom Henson has a long and distinguished career as a courtroom lawyer. For over 50 years, he has tried complex civil cases throughout a multi-county area and in federal courts of the Eastern District of Texas. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1989, having served on its State Committee for 5 years. He also has earned recognition as a Texas Super Lawyer in business litigation from 2007 to the present by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters service. He has been granted an AV peer-review rating by *Martindale Hubbell* for more than 40 years, and is the recipient of the 2012 Justinian Award.

Tom's practice has included numerous disputes and lawsuits involving product liability, trucking accidents, commercial issues, breach of contract, breach of warranty, business torts, oil and gas issues, and serving as local counsel in numerous patent cases. He also has an active attorney-mediator practice.

Education

- University of Texas School of Law, L.L.B.
- University of Texas, B.A.

Certifications

- Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, The University of Texas School of Law, basic mediation training, 2011

Practice Areas

- General Litigation
- Insurance Defense
- Mediation

Representations

- Defense of a major manufacturer of agricultural equipment in multiple suits involving both catastrophic injuries and breaches of warranty.
- Defense of a major manufacturer of lift trucks.
- Defense of a major oil company and others in a class action pollution suit.

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- Defense of a major trucking company in a wrongful death suit.
 - Defense of a major trucking company in a negligence action involving catastrophic injuries.
 - Defense of an inspection company in multiple negligence actions involving one death and three other burn victims.
 - Defense of a chemical vendor in a suit by 300 plaintiffs alleging neuropsychological injuries from exposure to industrial solvents.
 - Defense of a manufacturer of clay products in a suit by multiple plaintiffs alleging toxic tort injuries.
 - Defense of a steel pipe manufacturer in a breach of warranty suit involving natural gas leakage due to alleged defects.
 - Defense of a major manufacturer of small engine equipment in multiple suits involving both catastrophic injuries and breaches of warranty.

Professional Associations

- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow
- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Smith County Bar Association, President 1978-1979
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel, President 2008-2009
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
- Association of Attorney-Mediators
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- American Board of Trial Advocates (Charter Member, Eastex ABOTA)
- University of Texas Law Alumni Association, President 1989-1990

Honors & Recognitions

- AV Rated
- Texas Super Lawyer, Business Litigation, 2007-present (A Thomson Reuters service)
- The Justinian Award, Smith County Bar Association, 2012

Admitted to Practice

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of Texas
- Texas State Courts