



Steve Spitzer

Managing Shareholder

Probate & Real Estate Litigation

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Steve Spitzer is among the most highly sought-out probate litigators in East Texas. He expertly handles:

- **Probate litigation** such as will contests, trust and guardianship disputes
- **Real estate disputes** such as title issues, land partitions, and boundary disputes

Driven by a desire to see clients who are involved in the conflict and stress of litigation achieve successful resolutions, Steve takes an understanding, yet relentless approach to each case.

Education

- Baylor University School of Law, J.D., cum laude (1989)
- Baylor University, B.B.A., with honors (1988)

Certifications

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Martindale-Hubbell: AV Rating

Practice Areas

- Probate Litigation – Estate Disputes
- Real Estate Litigation
- Business & Commercial Litigation

Notable Representations

- Recovery of over \$2 million for beneficiary of estate and trust when trustee and executor refused to pay
- 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 in East Texas

Professional Associations

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

Civic Activities

- Grace Community Church – Elder
- Grace Community School – Former Board Member of 20 years
- East Texas Communities Foundation – Board Member

Admitted to Practice

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

Probate Law Newsletters

- Will Forms, Free to the Public (*Jun 22, 2023*)
- Family Allowance to Surviving Spouse (*Mar 1, 2023*)
- Larry King Estate Battle (*Dec 20, 2022*)
- Britney Spears Guardianship (*Jun 7, 2022*)
- Divorce at Death, IRA Impact (*Mar 27, 2022*)