



Mark Hawkins practices as a trial lawyer in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate litigation, and all aspects of construction law. Mark's construction and real estate practices also include contract negotiation and review, handling lien and bond matters, and resolution of title issues.

Also, after representing product manufacturers and energy companies for years, a large portion of Mark's docket includes representing plaintiffs in catastrophic personal injury cases throughout the State of Texas, including natural gas explosions, fire cases, products liability and oilfield accidents. Many of these cases have resulted in multi-million dollar recoveries for his clients.

Representative Experience

Mark has tried dozens of lawsuits before juries, judges and arbitrators for plaintiffs and defendants. Some of his representative lawsuits include the following:

Successfully represented a national highway contractor in a joint venture dispute over a multi-billion dollar design-build toll road.

Obtained a multi-million dollar gross negligence jury verdict against Union Pacific Railroad for harm sustained by a pedestrian.

Defended a national highway contractor in a lawsuit by a fiber optic telecommunications company alleging damage to infrastructure during construction of a toll road in Harris County, obtaining jury verdict for client on all of plaintiff's claims. Mark has also obtained a jury verdict and damages for a natural gas company against a contractor that damaged gas transmission infrastructure.

Successfully defended real estate developers in trials brought by adjoining landowners, contractors and lenders (including matters involving the release of personal guaranties).

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Successfully tried numerous commercial tenant disputes (for both tenants and landlords) including billboard, office and retail lease disputes.

Defended highway contractors, excavators, concrete companies, and both regional and national home building companies in numerous lawsuits and arbitration proceedings including construction defect claims, earnest money disputes, contractor payment disputes, mechanic's lien claims, and breach of contract claims.

This work has led Mark to being listed in the national publication of *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in the practice areas of Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Law.

Professional/Community Involvement

Leadership Austin

Texas Trial Lawyers' Association

Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas

Texas Bar Foundation Fellow

Admirals Club of Austin

Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Alpha Prison Ministry

Former Director, Salvage Vanguard Theatre

Bar

Texas – 1994

Education

University of Texas – 1991 - B.A.

South Texas College – 1994 - J.D. *summa cum laude*

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