



Wesley G. Johnson
Founding Partner



Throughout his 15 year career, Wes has focused his practice on helping businesses and individuals in litigation and trial. He works closely with his clients to understand the specific goals and needs of each client to achieve the objective most beneficial to them throughout the litigation process. **Selected as a D Magazine Best Lawyer in Dallas for 2018 in the field of Insurance Law.**

Wes has counseled clients through a variety of litigation situations, with an emphasis on insurance disputes, personal injury, construction and litigation claims.

Wes provides representation in insurance litigation (first party and bad faith) along with interpretation of complex issues of insurance coverage. Wes has developed a statewide reputation for first party litigation and coverage litigation. In addition, Wes also has considerable experience with catastrophic personal injuries, employee injury claims and claims involving interstate motor carriers. He has counseled clients and taught courses regarding medical liability and medical records/billing law. He handles matters for his clients before trial and appellate courts, arbitrators, and mediators. His experience in handling complex construction litigation in commercial, multi-use and residential claims is demonstrated by his being asked to serve on the Board of Directors for the largest commercial construction trade association in Texas. Moreover, Wes successfully handles catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death claims in the context of trucking liability, medical liability, auto accidents and workplace injuries as both plaintiff and defendant.

Licensed in both Texas and New Mexico, Wes works with clients to successfully guide them toward the result that is important to them throughout the litigation or arbitration process. In addition, to his work at the Courthouse, Wes also has helped draft and secure legislation favorable to client interests.

Wes brings this experience to the table as a certified mediator. As a mediator, Wes works tirelessly to focus on an expeditious solution to disputes. Wes has direct and extensive knowledge over insurance coverage situations that directly affect many mediations and understands each side of a dispute because he has worked cases on both sides of the aisle.

A resident of Garland, Wes is active in the community, currently serving on the Garland ISD Board of Trustees, Leadership Garland and Leadership Sachse and in his spare time, Wes is interested in viticulture and the growing Texas wine industry, owning a small vineyard on the banks of the Red River in Montague County, Texas.

Employment History

Johnson Reist, PLLC
Plano, Texas
Managing Partner
September 2019 – present

Cooper & Scully, P.C.
Dallas, Texas
Senior Shareholder
August 2007-September 2019

Hermes Sargent Bates, LLP
Dallas, Texas
Associate Attorney
June 2015-August 2017

Mounce Green Myers Safi & Galatzan, P.C.
El Paso, Texas
Associate Attorney
August 2003-June 2005

Courts of Admittance

Texas, 2003
New Mexico, 2004
U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court Western District of Texas

Education

J. D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 2003
B.A., The University of Texas at Austin, 1997

Presentations/Publications

"The Right to Independent Counsel," 26th Annual Insurance Symposium, April 2019

"Understanding Sovereign Immunity," 14th Annual Construction Symposium, January 2019

"Sexual Misconduct Claims," 25th Annual Insurance Symposium, April 2018

"Contractor Liability for Injuries and Non-Delegable Duties," 13th Annual Construction Symposium, January 2018

"Key Issues in Texas UM/UIM Law," 24th Cityplace Annual Insurance Symposium, April 2017

Exploring Property Damages and the "J" Exclusions," 23rd Cityplace Annual Insurance Symposium, April 2016.

"Fraudulent Joinder of Adjusters," 22nd Cityplace Annual Insurance Symposium, March 2015.

"The Economic Loss Rule Update," 10th Annual Construction Symposium, January 30, 2015.

"Revisiting the Texas Prompt Payment of Claims Statute," 21st Annual Insurance Symposium, March 28, 2014.

"Worker's Compensation Coverage Litigation post-Ruttiger," Blue Goose Insurance Industry Forum, Irving, Texas, February 20, 2014

"Navigating Medical Records Law," Lorman Educational Services, Dallas, Texas, February 13, 2014.

"HR Considerations of U.S. v. Windsor and Aftermath for Defense of Marriage Act," TEXO Human Resources Forum, February 11, 2014.

"Navigating the Statute of Limitations in Texas," 9th Annual Cooper Scully Construction Symposium, Dallas, TX, January 31, 2014.

"Senate Bill 1567 – Named Driver Policies," Cooper & Scully Webinar Series, August 21, 2013.

"Choice of Law and Venue in Construction Contracts," 8th Annual Construction Symposium, Cityplace Conference Center, Dallas, TX, February 1, 2013.

"Subrogation Update," AAA Texas Insurance Seminar, Irving, TX, December 4, 2012.



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"Understanding Texas Medical Records Law," Lorman Educational Services Medical Records Law Seminar, Ft. Worth, TX, October 30, 2012.

Certificates of Insurance and Senate Bill 425, 19th Annual Insurance Symposium, March 2012.

Sharyland Water; Reigning in the Economic Loss Rule, 5th Annual Construction Symposium, January 2012.

House Bill 2093 – Indemnity & Additional Insured Provisions – Webinar Presentation (September 2011).

Construction Accidents & the Right of Control, 5th Annual Construction Symposium, January 2010.

Subsidence Liability in Underground Construction, Gallagher Bassett Claims Professionals, Addison, Texas, July 2009

"Fringe" Insurance Issues, 2009 Transportation Seminar, Dallas, Texas, Cityplace Conference Center, June 2009.

Understanding Default, Termination, and Cure in Construction Matters, 4th Annual Construction Symposium, Cityplace Conference Center, Dallas, Texas, January 2009.

Post-Accident Drug Testing Under the FMCSR, 2008 Transportation Seminar at Cityplace, Dallas, Texas, June 2008.

Revisiting the Texas Prompt Payment of Claims Statute, 15th Annual Insurance Symposium at Cityplace, Dallas, Texas, March 2008.

Understanding the Rights of Insureds in Insurance Coverage Disputes Involving Builders Risk and Commercial General Liability Policies, Wesley G. Johnson and Timothy Micah Dortch, 3rd Annual Construction Symposium at Cityplace, Dallas, Texas, January 2008.

Affiliations

Board of Trustees, Garland Independent School District (2018-present)

Board of Directors, Garland ISD Educational Foundation (2017-present)

Board of Directors, TEXO, The Construction Association (2013-2015 Term)

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, State Bar of Texas

Governmental Affairs Committee, TEXO, The Construction Association

Associated General Contractors of America/Texas Building Branch (AGC/TBB)

Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas (ABC of Texas)

Insurance Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Construction Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Leadership Garland, Class XXXVII

Leadership Sachse, Class I

Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association

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Dallas Bar Association



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