

SUBVET D. WEST

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SENIOR LITIGATION ATTORNEY

Experienced in successfully handling diverse complex litigation matters in state and federal court from consultation through trial. Develops litigation strategy in protection of clients' legal interests and risk mitigation. Excellent research, analytical, and writing skills have led to successful litigation practice. Key areas of experience include:

- **Contract and Tort Disputes**
 - **Employment**
 - **Trademark Infringement**
 - **Construction**
 - **Professional Liability**
 - **Post-Judgment Collections**
 - **Risk Mitigation**
 - **EEO Certified**
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Subvet D. West, Attorney at Law, Dallas, TX 2015 – Present
Attorney

Handles commercial litigation matters on a contract basis for Dallas-area law firms from intake through trial, including representing businesses in litigation related to day-to-day business operations, including matters involving contracts, unfair competition, trade secrets, construction, employment and other business-related disputes.

Shackelford, Melton, McKinley & Norton, LLP, Dallas, TX 2008 – 2015
Senior Litigation Attorney

Managed all aspects of litigation, including case evaluation, pleadings, pre-trial motions, written discovery and depositions, contested evidentiary hearings, settlement negotiations, drafting settlement agreements, arbitration, and trial. Varied litigation practice including, but not limited to, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, DTPA, trademark infringement, construction, and legal malpractice defense.

- Trial, first chair, successfully prosecuted claims of fraud, violations of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and breach of contract
- Trial, second chair in multi-million-dollar construction lawsuit involving claims of breach of contract, fraud, and breach of warranty
- Trial, second chair in trademark infringement, unfair competition, trade name and service mark dilution case
- Successfully defended and obtained favorable settlement against sex discrimination (pregnancy), harassment, and retaliation claims brought against client employer under the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act (Texas' version of Title VII)
- Obtained full non-dischargeability summary judgment for creditor in bankruptcy adversary action in the Northern District of Texas, plus award of interest, costs and attorney's fees against debtor
- Successfully defended on summary judgment appraisal district in multiple ad valorem tax protest actions

Abbott, Simses & Kuchler, APLC, Houston, TX 2003 - 2007
Litigation Associate

Performed extensive research and drafted memoranda of law, motions, and pleadings. Drafted applicable discovery and prepared discovery responses. Conducted witness interviews. Prepared formal case evaluations for client review. Prepared for and participated in mediation. Appeared and participated in status conferences and settlement conference hearings.

- Drafted and successfully obtained significant summary judgment on behalf of global provider of equipment and services for the energy industry against plaintiff's Jones Act negligence and unseaworthiness claims
- Drafted settlement conference brief and integral member of trial team that successfully defended and obtained favorable settlement of multi-million-dollar wrongful death suit against manufacturer
- Successfully defended and obtained favorable settlement of personal injury claims brought against bus company
- Successfully handled multi-jurisdictional case load

ChevronTexaco, Inc., Houston, TX

2001 – 2002

Law Clerk, Environmental Law Unit

Interpreted and applied statutory law to ensure regulatory compliance with applicable environmental statutes, including RCRA, CWA, OPA, and CERCLA. Experienced in governmental actions seeking remediation of contaminated sites. Worked closely with in-house counsel to identify and investigate compliance issues.

- Researched, reviewed, and analyzed environmental laws and regulations and responded to internal inquiries regarding land and water issues
- Analyzed and evaluated theories of liability, cost recovery, and site remediation
- Drafted memoranda of law
- Advised General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel on regulatory compliance issues

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX 2002

Bachelor of Science in Economics, University of Houston, 1998, *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, 2002

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Texas State Bar Association

Dallas Bar Association
William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court, Barrister

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

"Keys to Keeping Construction Projects from Breaking Bad," Texas Lawyer (2015).

"What Do We Do Now That We Have a Judgment," Dallas Bar Association Headnotes (2012).

"Insurance Protection Against Environmental Liability: Analysis of Texas Cases Examining the Comprehensive General Liability Policy," ST. B. TEX. ENVTL. L. J. vol. 32. n. 3 (2002).