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Whether he is zealously advocating for clients in high-stakes litigation or engaging in thoughtful negotiations, Brian seeks efficient, business-oriented, solutions to client challenges.

Practice Areas & Education

PRACTICE AREAS

- Transportation and Trucking Litigation
- Construction Liability
- Premise Liability
- Products Liability
- Oil & Gas Injury Defense
- Personal Injury

EDUCATION

- Texas A&M University, B.B.A. Finance, 1999
- Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

About Brian

EXPERIENCE

With 20 years of litigation experience defending and prosecuting complex legal, factual, and damage issues in multiple jurisdictions throughout Texas, clients and colleagues know Brian as a tough opponent with a track record of success in high-stakes litigation and complex negotiation. Brian serves as lead trial counsel for national companies and individuals facing high-risk, large-dollar, catastrophic death and injury matters and claims of negligence or wrongdoing, practicing in some of the highest-exposure jurisdictions in Texas state and federal courts. He has extensive experience defending the trucking industry, specifically incidents involving commercial vehicles, their drivers, and the companies that insure them. Brian frequently litigates matters involving construction defects and construction accidents and has served as lead defense counsel in several large oil and gas injury disputes. He defends wrongful death, premise liability, professional negligence claims, as well as motor vehicle accidents, and breach of contract disputes. Mr. Cano also has experience in defending class action matters in Texas.

At the beginning of every engagement, Brian evaluates legal risk across a client's business, fostering a risk management mindset that assesses impacts from line workers to management. He avoids unwanted surprises by clearly communicating with clients throughout engagements and prioritizes delivering the most

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Texas Aggie Bar Association Houston
- Claims Litigation Management Alliance – Houston
- Trucking Industry Defense Association – Houston
- Houston National Institute for Trial Advocacy

effective and efficient path to resolution for each client. Brian's approach to each matter is rooted in producing practical results and considers the future business implications of any matter's outcome, creating long-term client partnerships that last. His clients include national transportation, construction, restaurant and hospitality, entertainment, and energy companies as well as financial institutions. Brian is deeply rooted in his community and often draws on his life experience to solve client problems.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Gresham v. Fertitta Hospitality LLC d/b/a Holiday Inn Resort on the Beach*. Defense verdict for hotel company involving paralyzing injuries sustained by a passenger on a shuttle bus. (405th Judicial District Court of Galveston, Texas).
- *Helveston v. Knife River Corporation and L.H. Chaney Materials, Inc.* Defense verdict for negligence claims brought under the FMCSR. (55th Judicial District Court of Jefferson County, Texas).
- *Scott v. Ideal Roofing, LP*. Verdict for construction defect and breach of contract suit (Harris County Court at Law No. 2).
- *Trevino v. Economy Polymers Chemicals and East Anderson Road Limited Partnership*. Counsel for Defendants in a premise liability case. (333rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas).
- *Estate of Buttacovali, Deceased v. Fertitta Hospitality, LLC*. Counsel for hotel company involving a wrongful death case in a shuttle bus accident. (21st Judicial District Court of Galveston, Texas).
- *Hector v. Economy Mud Products Company*. Summary judgment in favor of Defendant. (334th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas).
- *Desormeaux v. Apache Corporation and R360 Environmental Solutions*. Counsel for oil and gas operator in a maritime case of injuries. (S.D. – Galveston Division).
- *Saindon v. Express Energy Services, GP, LLC, and Kinder Morgan GP, Inc., et al.* Counsel for oil field services company in defense of an oilfield injury on a drilling rig. (127th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas).

REPORTED APPELLATE CASES

- *KC Smash O1, LLC v. Gerdes, Hendrichson, Ltd., L.L.P.*, 2012 WL 272741 (Tex. App.-Dallas Jan. 31, 2012, no pet. h.).
- *Sanders v. Household Mortg. Servs.*, 2009 WL 1886194 (Tex. App.-Waco July 1, 2009, no pet. h.).
- *In re Household Finance Corp. III*, 2008 WL 5220542 (Tex. App.-Houston [14 Dist.], 2008, no pet. h.).
- *Annie L. Lewis v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Co.*, 2006, S.D. Tex., Case No. H-06-2651.

