

Trey Crawford Partner

Trey Crawford is a trial lawyer with a focus on handling complex, often high-stakes business disputes throughout Texas, the U.S., and internationally. He has years of practical, first-hand trial experience with complex commercial cases on both sides of the docket, earning a reputation for being client-oriented, consummately well-prepared, driven, and practical.

Trey's clients range from individuals and small businesses to Fortune 500 companies, domestic and foreign. His experience includes handling and trying lawsuits and arbitrations in federal and state courts involving a variety of claims and disputes, such as:

- Aviation and aerospace
- Breach of contract, UCC, breach of warranties
- Fraud, tortious interference, and fiduciary duty
- Trust, estate and probate litigation
- Banking and finance
- Energy, mineral interests, alternative sources
- Securities
- Shareholder and partnership disputes
- Construction and real estate disputes
- Catastrophic personal injury

While each case is unique, his approach is consistent: assess, prioritize, and act. According to Trey, he learned a lot about how to conduct himself in and out of the courtroom as a college athlete and as a teammate. His approach is first to identify the goal his client wants to achieve and then prepare a comprehensive trial plan at the front-end of the litigation that strategically analyzes every potentially relevant cause of action and affirmative defense. Then, prioritize the tasks that need to be accomplished to achieve the client's goal, and finally, implement the trial plan using a mastery of the rules of evidence and procedure applicable to the venue in which the action is pending.

"In short, I try to outline a comprehensive game plan geared towards effectively and efficiently achieving the client's goals and then out-prepare the other side in implementing the game plan."



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PRACTICE AREAS

Aviation
Commercial
Energy
Probate, Fiduciary and Trusts

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University,
Dedman School of Law, J.D.,
cum laude, 2015

- Member, Order of the Barristers
- Two-time "Best Advocate" award winner
- Computer & Technology Law Review

Texas Christian University,
B.B.A., Finance, *cum laude*,
2002

- 4-year letterman on baseball team

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, 2007
U.S. District Courts for the
Northern, Southern, Eastern,
and Western Districts of Texas

Representative Experience:

Awards Listed are net of attorneys' fees and expenses.

Trey has tried numerous cases to verdict or arbitration award in a variety of jurisdictions throughout the country, including the following:

- Obtained eight-figure settlement in connection with breach of fiduciary claims involving substantial mineral interests
- Obtained a seven-figure arbitration award in connection with a commercial real estate dispute involving easement rights
- Obtained a substantial jury verdict on behalf of Plaintiffs in a breach of contract dispute involving two luxury business jets (the Nation's ninth largest verdict - 2013) (settled upon remand – amount confidential)
- Obtained a substantial judgment in sexual assault/Dram Shop case following bench trial (largest bench trial verdict in Texas -2015)
- Successfully represented seven families in connection with nationally publicized wrongful death claims (settlement amounts confidential)
- Secured summary judgment on behalf of franchisor dismissing Plaintiff's \$19 million wrongful death claims
- Secured a substantial verdict on behalf of minority owners of healthcare company in contract/breach of fiduciary duty dispute with majority owner
- Secured a defense verdict on behalf of a Fortune 500 Company in an employment lawsuit
- Obtained a significant arbitration award on behalf of international aviation client
- Secured substantial settlement (amount confidential) on behalf of business jet owner in a breach of contract dispute
- Secured substantial settlement (amount confidential) in partnership dispute for breach of fiduciary duty
- Secured substantial settlement (amount confidential) on behalf of an oil and gas company in a breach of contract dispute
- Eight-figure settlement on behalf of real estate developer in construction defect case
- Seven-figure settlement on behalf of Plaintiffs in an oil and gas fraud lawsuit
- Seven-figure settlement on behalf of an individual plaintiff against an accounting firm on claims of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty
- Obtained a significant settlement in connection with commercial real estate brokerage dispute
- Obtained a significant settlement in connection with construction defects to large industrial property
- Secured a significant settlement on behalf of securities broker on claims of defamation, fraud and breach of contract
- Secured summary judgment in defense of a seven-figure fraud claim on behalf of healthcare company
- Successfully defended several major automotive manufacturers in lawsuits involving alleged product defect claims in both state and federal courts

Awards & Recognition:

- Texas Super Lawyers, Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters, as published in Texas Monthly (2019 – 2023)
- Best Lawyers in Dallas, Business/Commercial Litigation, D Magazine (2016 – 2024)
- Best Lawyers Under 40, D Magazine (2018)
- Up-and-Coming 100: Texas Rising Stars by Thomson Reuters, as published in Texas Monthly (2017 – 2019)
- Texas Rising Star by Thomson Reuters as published in Texas Monthly (2010 – 2019)
- Member of the Texas Lawyers \$10 Million Club

Professional Affiliations:

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Former Mock Trial Coach – Southern Methodist University

Community Involvement:

- Former Mock Trial Coach – SMU Dedman School of Law
- Member, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Press Room:

- Trey Crawford Interviewed on Viability of Waiver in Wrongful Death Claim (03/27/2017)
- Trey Crawford appeared in the Dallas Morning News and multiple other media outlets commenting on a \$21.4 million civil damages award to a young woman who was sexually assaulted by the owner of a popular Addison restaurant (07/13/2015)
- Addison Pizzeria Owner Ordered to Pay \$21.4 Million to Sexual Assault Victim (07/10/2015)
- Verdict Ranked Among “Top 100” for 2013 by National Law Journal (03/24/2014)
- Dallas Jury Awards \$49M in Corporate Jet Dispute, Law360 (03/01/2013)
- Texas Land Trusts, Trey Crawford, Co-Author (02/07/2007)

Publications:

- Plaintiffs Lawyers Collaborate in SXSU Lawsuits, Texas Lawyer (12/23/2014)