

Trey H. 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. Trey 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 to 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."

Trey foresees an uptick in complex probate and trust disputes as Baby Boomers leave large estates to be managed and distributed in accordance with various fiduciary duties. In addition, he's closely tracking case law and public attitude toward issues related to the business aviation and aerospace industries.



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Practices

Aviation

Commercial

Energy

Probate, Fiduciary and Trusts

Education

Southern Methodist University,
Dedman School of Law, J.D.,
cum laude, 2007

Order of the Barristers

Two-time "Best
Advocate" award winner

Computer and
Technology Law Review

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

4-year letterman on
baseball team

Admissions

Texas State Bar, 2007

All State Courts Texas

U.S. District Courts for the
Northern, Southern, Western
and Eastern 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:

- \$49 million jury verdict on behalf of Plaintiffs in a breach of contract dispute involving two luxury business jets (the Nation's ninth largest verdict - 2013) (confidentially settled upon remand)
- \$22 million judgment in sexual assault/Dram Shop case following bench trial (largest bench trial verdict in Texas -2015)
- Secured over \$1 million verdict on behalf of minority owners of healthcare company in contract 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 on behalf of a small business against a large media company on claims for tortious interference, business disparagement, fraud and breach of fiduciary duty
- 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
- Defended several major automotive manufacturers in lawsuits involving alleged product defect claims in both state and federal courts

Representative Clients

Current and recent clients include:

- Pappas Brothers
- Front Burner Brands
- Elbit Systems
- Multiple private business jet owners
- Pollard Aircraft and Pollard Spares
- Safe Harbor Marinas
- Expotel Hospitality
- Greystone Financial Services
- Turtle Creek Assets
- SWBC Real Estate
- First National Bank of McGregor
- First State Bank Mesquite
- Motus Digital
- Image Imprinting
- Trophy Fitness
- Multiple mineral interest owners

Awards / Recognition

- Texas Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters, as published in *Texas Monthly*, 2019
- Best Lawyers in Dallas in the area of Business Litigation, *D Magazine*, 2015 - 2019
- 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 - 2016
- Best Lawyer Under 40, *D Magazine*, 2018
- Member of the Texas Lawyers \$10 Million Club

Professional / Community

Professional

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

Community

- Member, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Press Room

Trey Crawford Interviewed on Viability of Waiver in Wrongful Death Claim

03.27.17

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

07.13.15

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

03.24.14

Dallas Jury Awards \$49M in Corporate Jet Dispute, Law360

03.01.13

Texas Land Trusts, Trey Crawford, Co-Author

02.07.07

Publications

Plaintiffs Lawyers Collaborate in SXSW Lawsuits, Texas Lawyer

12.23.14