

## B. Lee Wertz



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### Education

J.D. from Baylor University School of Law  
▪ Order of the Barristers  
B.A. from Southwestern University

### Bar Admissions

United States District Court for the Northern and  
Southern Districts of Texas  
Texas

### Related Practices

Litigation  
Appellate  
Arbitration  
Energy Litigation  
Insurance Litigation  
Personal Injury & Wrongful Death  
Products Liability  
Real Estate Litigation  
Warranty

### Related Industries

Energy  
Insurance

## Overview

Lee is a trial lawyer with broad experience ranging from catastrophic personal injury to complex commercial litigation cases.

Lee represents plaintiffs and defendants in all aspects of complex and sophisticated commercial and general civil litigation and arbitrations, focusing on the transportation, construction, oil and gas, insurance and waste industries. These cases involve insurance coverage, breach of contract, fraud, indemnity, trade secrets, non-compete agreements, DTPA and UCC, as well as defense of serious injury and wrongful death claims.

Lee also is a frequent speaker and author on litigation and insurance issues.

Manufacturing  
Real Estate  
Retail  
Transportation

## Achievements

*Martindale-Hubbell*® AV Preeminent®, Peer Review  
Rated™

## Memberships

American Bar Association (ABA) Negotiations Team  
Houston Bar Association  
State Bar of Texas

## Experience

### Personal Injury Defense

Represented a landlord who had been sued by two employees of a former tenant who were claiming that they had suffered severe and permanent disabilities due to mold and other contaminants present in the building. On summary judgment, the trial court agreed that under the lease and premises liability law, the landlord's responsibilities did not extend to the parts of the building that the plaintiffs were claiming made them sick.

### Environmental Litigation

Represented a large waste disposal company in an OSHA compliance and casualty investigation.

### Personal Injury Defense

Represented a temporary laborer at a commercial facility in a successful summary judgment in a matter involving amputation and permanent disability.

### Employment Litigation

Successfully defended an employer's request for a temporary injunction against a former employee who sought to prevent employee from contacting their former and current customers under the Texas Uniform Trade Secrets Act.

## Insurance Litigation

Retained to enforce judgment against indemnitor for failure to reimburse insurance carrier for settlement costs, resulting in a verdict in excess of \$1 MM.

## Personal Injury Defense

Represented the second largest provider of non-hazardous solid waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling in litigation arising from a traffic accident involving two commercial vehicles. Munsch Hardt successfully obtained a defense verdict for our client.

## Newsroom

**Speech:** What's It Worth? Evaluating Risk and Exposure in Complex Damage Cases

**Speech:** On Land and Sea: A Practical Guide to Indemnity in the Energy Sector

**Speech:** Risk Shifting, Insurance, Indemnity and Risk Management in the Energy Industry

**Speech:** Indemnity, Anti-Indemnity, and Contractual Risk Shifting in the Construction and Energy Sectors

**Speech:** Risk Shifting in the Oil Patch

**Article:** Risk Shifting and Legal Considerations Before Disaster Strikes

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Welcomes Eight Attorneys from Harrison Bettis McFarland to Houston Office

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt, Harrison Bettis McFarland Join Forces to Propel Strategic Growth in Texas