# Alex B. Roberts

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For nearly two decades, Alex Roberts has built his trial practice on the bedrock principles of leadership and service.

Drawing from his background as judicial clerk and AmeriCorps Member, Alex brings a multifaceted perspective to his advocacy, recognizing the role of careful discernment and steadfast dedication it takes to be an effective courtroom advocate. In recent years, Alex has navigated the complexities of high-stakes litigation, securing notable victories such as a $438 million jury verdict and antitrust judgment on behalf of a global technology plaintiff, acting as co-counsel in a landmark $5 billion antitrust case, and an attorney immunity victory in the Texas Supreme Court on behalf of an AmLaw 100 law firm. These experiences underscore his proficiency in providing resolutions to intricate legal challenges, positioning him as a trusted advisor for clients seeking solutions to their most pressing problems.

Alex's practice spans a diverse array of legal arenas. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in fiduciary litigation, business disputes, employment, trade secret, products liability matters, to name a few. He has deep experience in the oil and gas and other energy-related industries, representing midsize and multinational clients across the energy value chain, litigating contract and partnership disputes, indemnity claims, personal injury cases, seismicity issues, and royalty disputes in jurisdictions across Texas, surrounding states, and in international arbitration. Beyond energy, his industry experience includes professional services, private equity, construction, and real estate sectors, ensuring comprehensive representation tailored to the unique needs of each client.

Alex is known for his adept defense of law firms in professional liability and attorney disciplinary matters. From allegations of fraud and conspiracy to complex legal malpractice cases, Alex's track record speaks volumes, having represented solo practitioners, boutique law firms, and leading legal entities. Alex has served as an expert witness, speaker, and thought leader on topics related to attorney professional liability, including co-authoring *Legal Malpractice in Texas (Third Edition)* with David J. Beck in 2018, a preeminent authority widely referenced by practitioners across the country. Complementing his professional endeavors, Alex is deeply committed to fostering equity and inclusion within the legal profession.

A proud University of Houston alumnus, Alex's contributions extend beyond his legal practice. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association's Southern District of Texas Chapter and the Board of Directors of the University of Houston Law Center Alumni Association, including a term as President from 2021 to 2023. Alex has been repeatedly recognized in areas of Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Defense, Antitrust Litigation, and Oil & Gas Litigation by *Texas Super Lawyers*, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, and *Lawdragon 500* Leading Litigators in America, further underscoring his courtroom talent and client-centered representation.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Represented Tempur Sealy International, Inc. in defending against the Federal Trade Commission's attempt to block its $5 billion acquisition of Mattress Firm Group.** As co-counsel with Cleary Gottlieb, secured a Texas federal court ruling denying the FTC's motion, allowing the deal to proceed

## PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation

Energy Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation

Products Liability Litigation

Professional Liability Defense

Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings

## ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the First and Fifth Circuits

United States District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

## CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas (2006-2007)

## EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Houston Law Center, magna cum laude, 2006

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- Order of the Barons
- Editor in Chief, *Houston Law Review*

B.A., Philosophy, summa cum laude, The University of Houston, 2002

despite regulatory opposition. See Opinion and Order here.

- **Represented HP, Inc. in pursuing price fixing antitrust claims against optical disk drive manufacturer Quanta Storage in Houston federal court.** With partner Alistair Dawson, secured $438 million judgment for HP, which was upheld on appeal, *Hewlett-Packard Co.. v. Quanta Storage, Inc.*, 961 F.3d 731 (5th Cir 2020).
- **Represented Cameron International Corporation (blowout preventer manufacturer) in the Gulf oil spill Multidistrict Litigation.** After six weeks of trial, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana found that Cameron was not liable to any claimant and entered an order completely dismissing Cameron from the litigation.
- **Represented individual pension holders pursuing fraud claims against brokerage firm in jury trial in federal court.** Obtained a jury verdict of several million dollars. Case settled on appeal.
- **Defended Texas-based AM Law 100 firm in case involving allegations of fraud and conspiracy.** Alex obtained dismissal of claims against law firm under new Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 91a. The dismissal was affirmed on appeal.
- **Represented electrical subcontractor in Florida arbitration pursuing claims against general contractor for breach of contract and fraud.**
- **Defended private equity firm against claims of trade secret misappropriation in Texas state court.**
- **First-chair jury trial in a federal inmate abuse civil rights lawsuit.** Secured favorable plaintiff's verdict for pro bono client following three-day trial.
- **Obtained take-nothing judgment in favor of firm client,** Meritage Homes, in first-chair bench trial in Harris County.
- **Represented top 10 Fortune 500 company in trademark infringement lawsuit** in Texas federal court.
- **Represented top 10 Fortune 500 company in employment lawsuit.** A former company executive brought suit seeking damages for stock incentive awards.
- **Represented boutique law firm in a legal malpractice action** in Texas federal court arising out of a copyright infringement action.
- **Represented boutique Florida law firm in legal malpractice action** in Harris County brought by former client.
- **Represented defendants in housing discrimination lawsuit** in Houston federal court over the sale of a multi-million dollar home.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, Complex Commercial Litigation, esp. Oil & Gas, 2022, 2024-2025
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America, Litigation, Energy, 2025-2026
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, Energy Litigation, 2025
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2025-2026
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants, and Litigation – Antitrust, 2022-2027
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, General Litigation, 2016 – 2026; Professional Liability, 2025-2026

- "Rising Star," *Texas Super Lawyers*, General Litigation, 2012-2016
- Future Star, Benchmark Litigation, 2016 – 2021, 2023 – 2026
- "Under 40 Hot List," General Commercial, Benchmark Litigation, 2016-2018
- *Houstonia Magazine* 2018 Top Lawyer
- Recipient of the 2015 University of Houston Law Center Alumni Association Rising Star Award
- Recipient of the 2013-2014 Texas Young Lawyers Association Outstanding First Year Director Award
- Distinguished Service Award, University of Houston Law Center, 2006

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- D. Beck and A. Roberts, *Legal Malpractice in Texas (Third Edition),* 70 Baylor L. Rev. 213 (2018)
- Co-Author, *Anti-SLAPP from the Defense Perspective*, 84 The Advocate 24 (2018)
- Presenter, *2018 Legal Malpractice & Ethics Update*, TADC 2018 Summer Seminar
- Co-Author and Co-Presenter, *Anti-SLAPP and Rule 91a Motions Update: Ending The Lawsuit Before it Begins*, 33rd Annual Litigation Update, State Bar of Texas (January 2017)
- Co-Author, *Texas Supreme Court Adopts Judicial Error Rule in Legal Mal Cases*, The Texas Lawbook, July 2016
- Presenter and Author, *Updates in Legal Malpractice: What's New and What's Next,* 2016 TADC Summer Seminar
- Course Director, *Success Strategies and Key Lessons for Young Lawyers*, Texas Bar CLE, 2014
- Presenter, *Understanding the Grievance Process and Tips on How to Avoid a Malpractice Claim*, AABA Solo and Small Firm Committee, 2014
- Presenter, *Grievance 101*, HBA/CLE All Day Ethics, November 2014
- Panelist, *Launching Your Legal Career – Tips for Success*, *Justice James A. Baker Guide to the Basics of Law Practice*, Texas Center for Legal Ethics CLE, December 2013, Houston, Texas
- Presenter and Author, *Strange Bedfellows: How the U.S. Congress and the Texas Supreme Court Have Changed Removal to Federal Courts in Texas, and Other Pitfalls to Avoid Remand*, 2012 TADC Summer Seminar
- Note, *Reservations on Tribal Sovereignty: How United States v. Lara Will Affect Indians, Tribes, and the Fight to Regain Independence*, 43 Hous. L. Rev. 527 (2006)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Federal Bar Association's Southern District of Texas Chapter Board of Directors (2026)
- University of Houston Law Center Alumni Association Board of Directors, (President 2021-2023) (President-Elect 2020-2021) (Director 2017-Present)
- Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, (Immediate Past Chair 2020-2021) (Chair 2019-2020) (Chair-Elect 2018-2019)
- Houston Law Review Board of Directors (Vice President 2020-2021) (Director 2007-Present)

- Texas Association of Defense Counsel (Director 2018-2020)
- Houston Volunteer Lawyers (Secretary 2017-2019) (Director 2015-2019)
- Texas Young Lawyers Association (Director 2013-2015)
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Assistant Editor and Member Ex Officio, The Advocate, State Bar Litigation Section Report
- Member, State Bar Litigation Section
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association







