

# Fields Alexander

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Fields Alexander is, by choice, a trial lawyer who handles a wide range of matters on both sides of the docket for both individual and corporate clients.

He has significant experience in disputes concerning commercial transactions, business torts, professional malpractice, and energy litigation. He has also successfully handled a number of appeals.

Fields has won verdicts and arbitration awards for both plaintiffs and defendants in a number of venues in Texas, across the country, and abroad. His success with juries, judges, and arbitrators is recognized by his peers, as evidenced by his election into the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers, and the American Board of Trial Advocates. He has been repeatedly recognized as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* (2009-2024) in several practice areas, a leading plaintiff financial lawyer by Lawdragon 500 (2020 & 2022-2023), and one of the top commercial litigators in the state of Texas by *Chambers USA* (2021-2023).

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **In 2019, along with former Beck Redden partner Kate Skagerberg, won a take nothing award following a two week trial in Harris County State court on behalf of an international energy company** in a lawsuit alleging age discrimination brought by a senior executive who was demoted and subsequently terminated.
- **In 2019, along with former Beck Redden partner Kate Skagerberg, won a take nothing award in Beaumont on behalf of a prominent Texas law firm in an arbitration** filed by a former attorney of that firm asserting, among other claims, gender discrimination, harassment, and retaliatory discharge.
- **In 2019, prevailed in an appeal to the Fourth Circuit.** The court of appeals affirmed a federal district court judgment in favor of the Firm's client in all respects.
- **In 2018, with Beck Redden former partner Kate Skagerberg, won a unanimous defense verdict** in state court in Dallas in a threshold product liability action alleging that the client's product had caused a structure fire.
- **In 2018, won an award in a London arbitration of almost \$30 million** with co-counsel Stephen Midwinter, QC of Brick Court Chambers. The arbitration was filed on behalf of an energy company and concerned equipment that failed when installed on an offshore oil and gas rig.
- **In 2017, won a take nothing judgment** following trial in West Virginia federal court on behalf of a major oil and gas company in a case alleging failure to develop a mineral estate.
- **In 2017, with former Beck Redden partner Kate Skagerberg and Provost Umphrey partner Joe Fisher, successfully represented a law firm and its partner in an arbitration** seeking payment of unpaid legal bills and defending counterclaims for legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, and excessive fees. We prevailed in defeating all claims against the firm and its partner and won an

## PRACTICES

Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings

Catastrophic Personal Injury & Wrongful Death Litigation

Class Action & Multi-District Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Employment & Executive Employment Litigation

Energy Litigation

Products Liability Litigation

Professional Liability Defense

Trusts & Estates Litigation

## ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits

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

## CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1992-1993)

## EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1992

B.A., The University of

award of \$1.9M – recovering all the firm’s unpaid legal fees as well as fees and costs incurred in prosecuting the arbitration.

Texas at Austin, 1987

- **In 2015, with former Beck Redden partner Kate Skagerberg, represented a family in successfully challenging a series of wills** that bequeathed virtually all of a widow’s estate to her stockbroker. Following a two week trial in probate court in Jefferson County, Texas, the jury disregarded 15 consecutive wills, finding that the last valid will was one executed in 2006 that left the entire estate to the family.
- **In 2015, successfully defended clients in an arbitration** arising out of a commercial real estate transaction. Claimants were awarded nothing, and were required to pay several hundred thousand dollars in fees and costs to the Firm’s clients.
- **In 2014, successfully defended client in a commercial arbitration** alleging fraud, professional malpractice, and general negligence. Claimants sought over \$1 million and were awarded nothing.
- **In 2011, successfully defended an arbitration brought by General Electric** with Beck Redden partner Russell Post. General Electric sought over \$5M in a business dispute involving alleged indemnity obligations. The Panel ruled in favor of Beck Redden’s client, awarding GE nothing.
- **In 2009, represented a plaintiff as lead trial counsel in a commercial dispute in Chicago federal court** with Jones Day’s Chicago Office. The jury found for plaintiff on all claims, awarded all sought damages, and rejected all of the defendant’s counterclaims. Mr. Alexander subsequently argued the appeal of this judgment before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which affirmed in all respects.
- **In 2008, successfully defended a client in a commercial real estate arbitration.** Claimant sought over \$1M and was awarded nothing.
- **In 2006, with Beck Redden attorney Joe Redden, successfully defended a strict liability/pharmaceutical case at trial** in a Jefferson County, Texas state court. Defendant stipulated liability and prevailed with the jury on causation.
- **In 2004, served as co-lead counsel in the successful defense of several jury trials in Jefferson County, Texas, alleging fraud and intentional misconduct** and asserting damages in excess of \$40M. Significant wrongful death and personal injury claims were involved. One trial resulted in a nominal damage award which was subsequently reversed and rendered on appeal. The other resulted in a complete defense verdict.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Lawdragon 500 Leading Energy Lawyers, Energy Litigation, 2024
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, Catastrophic Energy, Class Action, Energy, 2022 & 2024
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer, 2020 & 2022-2023
- Named in *Best Lawyers in America’s* 2020 “Lawyer of the Year” for Product Liability Litigation – Defendants
- Named in *Best Lawyers in America* for Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, Commercial Litigation, 2009 – 2023, Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2024
- Recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a Local Litigation Star, 2012 – 2024
- Named in Thomson Reuters *Texas Super Lawyers* – General Litigation, 2012 – 2020, Business Litigation, 2022 – 2023

- Recognized in *Chambers USA* in Litigation: General Commercial (Texas), 2021 – 2023

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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- Texas Bar's Annual Business Torts Update, Fiduciary Duty in Texas, October 2009
- Buddy Can You Spare a Federal Issue? Federal Jurisdiction in Certain Legal Malpractice Claims, *IADC Professional Liability Newsletter*, September 2008
- Texas Bar's Annual Litigation Update Institute, Commercial Litigation Update, January 2008
- Panel member, Annual Taxpayers Against Fraud Conference, Washington, D.C., September 2006

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

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- The American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, International Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, International Society of Barristers
- Member, State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Rules Committee
- State Bar of Texas Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee
  - Member, 2008 – 2013
  - Chair, 2011 – 2013
- Member, HBA Professionalism Committee
- Adjunct Professor, University of Houston, Spring 2008, Fall 2004

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Board of Directors (Vice-President) for Camp Aranzazu

