Marcos Rosales

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Marcos Rosales is a strategic adviser and a tenacious courtroom advocate, leveraging his breadth of experience to grasp a specialized understanding of his clients' business situations and unique legal needs.

Business owners, corporate counsel, and trial lawyers alike trust Marcos to craft the strategies to achieve their desired outcome. An engineer by training and former general counsel of an expansive multi-industry business enterprise, Marcos has considerable business and litigation experience and extensive knowledge of a range of businesses and industries including banking, oil and gas, private equity, real estate, construction, insurance, and more.

Marcos's practice combines all aspects of commercial litigation, representing public and private companies as well as individuals in the full range of business disputes, fiduciary litigation, energy litigation, bankruptcy adversary proceedings, and catastrophic personal injury litigation. Marcos has tried more than a dozen cases to verdict and has handled all aspects of pre-trial, trial, and post-judgment litigation as lead counsel. Never compromising his approach for short-term gains, Marcos guides his clients towards maximum impact and strategic advantage at every stage.

Because of the quality of his advocacy, Marcos is routinely called upon by other trial attorneys to handle critical legal issues and to direct the legal strategy for their biggest cases. Marcos works each case up with a judge and jury in mind because he loves the courtroom. His readiness to take cases to trial often results in more favorable and efficient resolutions for his clients before going to trial. Marcos represents clients across Texas, including Harris County and the greater Houston area, Bexar County, Brazos County, his native Hidalgo County, and the rest of the Rio Grande Valley.

Marcos has been recognized as a Texas "Rising Star" in Civil Litigation in 2020, 2022, and 2023, and he has been named in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® since 2021. Most recently, Marcos was recognized in the inaugural publication of *Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation* as one of the lawyers "who will define where the legal profession of our country goes" and "[w]hose leadership will be called upon by businesses and individuals when they face their crossroads."

In addition to his clients, Marcos is committed to serving his community. He serves on the District Advisory Committee for the Houston Independent School District, the Board of Directors for the Houston Urban Debate League, and the Leadership Council for Texas A&M University's Association of Former Students.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Obtained a unanimous jury verdict for a national real estate brokerage firm in a breach of contract lawsuit.** The firm client facilitated the sale of real estate, but was denied its commission. After a three-day trial, the jury returned a verdict awarding the full commission, and attorney's fees were also awarded. The judgment was upheld on appeal.
- **Obtained favorable verdict as lead trial counsel for individual in plaintiff's personal property and breach of contract dispute.** The Harris

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation

Energy Litigation

Trusts & Estates Litigation

Products Liability Litigation

Professional Liability Defense

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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

EDUCATION

J.D., Stanford Law School, 2010

Master of Public Administration, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2010

B.S. Texas A&M University, *magna cum laude*, Chemical Engineering, 2005

County jury returned a verdict awarding actual damages, punitive damages, and attorney's fees. The case was settled on favorable terms after the district court entered judgment.

- **Prosecuted multiple Class C misdemeanors for the State of Texas** through the Houston Volunteer Prosecutor's Program, including more than a dozen jury trials.
- **Obtained dismissal for individual lawyer in professional negligence/breach of fiduciary duty litigation.** Marcos briefed and argued the issue to the trial court which then dismissed the defendant for lack of personal jurisdiction.
- **Obtained prompt and favorable resolution in theft of trade secrets dispute.** Marcos obtained a temporary restraining order within days of the theft of a confidential customer list by a former supplier turned competitor. With a temporary injunction hearing looming, and after expedited discovery was conducted, the defendants acquiesced to all relief sought. The case was settled on favorable terms with stolen information being returned or destroyed without the need for additional litigation.
- **Defending international energy company in numerous royalty disputes.** Litigation pending in state courts, federal courts, and one federal MDL.
- **Represented multiple defendants in shareholder oppression/breach of fiduciary duty litigation.** Allegations included improper freezeout and dilution of plaintiffs' interests and wrongful entrenchment by management.
- **Represented former officer and directors of Fortune 500 company** in defense of breach of fiduciary duty, fraudulent transfer, and preferential transfer claims arising out of failed bank.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Named in Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers* in Civil Litigation: Defense, 2026
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, 2026
- Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation in Commercial Litigation, inc. Energy and Plaintiff Consumer, 2024-2026
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*® in Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2025
- Recognized as a "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* – Texas in Civil Litigation: Defense, 2020-2023; Civil Litigation, 2025

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, "Using Psychology in Litigation," Hispanic National Bar Association Region XII Summit (May 2023)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Director, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Houston Bar Association

- American Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Director, Houston Urban Debate League
- Representative at Large, Texas A&M University Association of Former Students Leadership Council





