

Todd A. Murray

Mr. Murray has experience in a wide range of complex business litigation, with a focus on director and officer defense and energy -related matters. He has argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, served as lead and secondary trial counsel in numerous cases, and otherwise represented clients in all aspects of complex business litigation in federal, state, and county courts across the country. Recently, Mr. Murray was one of four Carrington Coleman partners responsible for obtaining the dismissal, on the second day of trial, of a multi-billion dollar RICO and commercial disparagement lawsuit in New Jersey State Court. He has defended securities fraud class action suits against issuers, officers, directors, and accounting firms, and he is on the list of Panel Counsels of Chartis for the State of Texas. He also has litigated shareholder derivative actions representing the special litigation committee, the dissident shareholder, the target company, and the alleged interested directors. He has defended accounting malpractice claims against Big 4 accounting firms. And he has represented corporate officers and other individuals in SEC and Self Regulatory Organization investigations and enforcement actions, and in Department of Justice investigations.

Examples of his work include:

- Trial partner responsible for financial and accounting issues as part of the successful defense of a multi-billion dollar RICO and commercial disparagement lawsuit in New Jersey State Court.
- The successful defense of securities and fiduciary duty litigation filed in United States District Court in Dallas, Texas against the CEO of one of the world's leading industrial providers of fluid motion and control products;
- The successful defense of multiple lawsuits alleging stock option backdating filed against the independent directors of a leading information technology services and business process outsourcing corporation;
- The successful defense of securities and fiduciary duty litigation filed in United States District Court in Midland, Texas against the former CFO of one of the nation's largest on-shore oilfield services companies;
- A judgment for defendants after a bench trial in the County Court at Law, Dallas County, Texas, concerning the ownership of oil and gas interests allegedly worth over \$100 million;
- The successful defense of the directors of a Houston-based offshore oilfield service company in shareholder -litigation filed in the District Court of Harris County, Texas;
- The successful defense of a multi-million dollar securities fraud lawsuit brought against an independent oil and gas exploration and production company in United States District Court in Marshall, Texas;
- The successful defense of one of the world's leading owners and operators of communications satellites in a lawsuit alleging breach of fiduciary duty and

contract filed in United States District Court in Dallas, Texas;

- A judgment of acquittal after a 4 week trial representing a defendant in a criminal trademark counterfeiting case filed in United States District Court in Dallas, Texas;
- A successful bench trial in defense of a multi-million dollar action filed in United States District Court in Dallas, Texas, by a insured against a large insurance company; and
- A plaintiff's jury verdict in a product diversion test case brought in the District Court of Dallas County, Texas, on behalf of a major cosmetics company.

In 2004 and 2006, Mr. Murray was chosen as one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40 in Dallas" by *D Magazine*. From 2006 through 2011, he was named by *Texas Monthly* magazine as a "Super Lawyer." Todd has presented CLE/CPE seminars on various aspects of D&O Insurance, Sarbanes-Oxley, securities fraud, and fiduciary duty liability.