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#### Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Commercial Litigation
- Oilfield Injury Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Tort Litigation
- Transportation and Trucking



#### Practice Emphasis

John M. Pease is a Shareholder and Section Head of the Firm's Transportation and Trucking Litigation Practice Group as well as a member of the Tort Litigation Practice Group. He began his legal practice at Cowles & Thompson, and for the past twenty years he has provided representation to clients in products liability, premises liability, aviation and other personal injury matters, as well as commercial litigation matters.

Mr. Pease has represented both national and Texas-based corporations and other entities in the state and federal courts of Texas. He has tried cases in counties throughout the State, including Dallas, Tarrant, Harris, Bexar, Travis, El Paso, Wichita, Jefferson, Freestone, Henderson, and Madison Counties. He also has extensive experience in the Federal courts of Texas. Mr. Pease has major claim trial experience, representing insurance companies, aviation manufacturers, transportation and trucking companies, and gasoline retailers, among others.

#### Special Honors

For the past seven years, Mr. Pease has been named a "Texas Super Lawyer" in the Personal Injury Defense: General area of law by the publishers of *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics Magazine*. The annual ranking of "Texas Super Lawyers," which is designed to identify the top five percent of Texas attorneys in more than 60 practice areas, is based on surveys of more than 65,000 attorneys across the state.

#### Publications and Speaking Engagements

Mr. Pease has written and lectured attorneys and clients on various subjects, including transportation industry defense, effective advocacy at hearings, written discovery, premises liability, preparation of settlement documentation and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

#### Representative Matters

- In October 2010, John Pease and Byron Henry successfully prosecuted a case for an oil and gas client involving multiple indemnity agreements with respect to a well blowout by obtaining a jury verdict awarding 100% of their client's damages.
- In July 2010, John Pease and Byron Henry successfully defended a property management company from allegations of premises liability resulting in a plaintiff's death by obtaining an affirmance in the Fort Worth Court of Appeals of a take-nothing summary judgment in favor of their client.
- In July 2010, John Pease and Byron Henry successfully defended a professional counselor from allegations of fraud and professional negligence by obtaining a take-nothing judgment in favor of their client at trial.
- In June 2004, John Pease won a trial in Travis County, Texas, on behalf of a petroleum company client of the Firm. Plaintiff alleged an employee of the company had struck him in the head with a rock as he was driving away from the station, causing physical injuries. The jury found there was no negligence on the part of the petroleum company or the employee.

### **Memberships**

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Transportation Industry Defense Association
- Member, Dallas Association of Defense Counsel
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Barrister, The Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court
- Member, International Association Defense Counsel
- Editorial Board, Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing
- Pro Bono Representation, Legal services of North Texas

### **Education and Court Admissions**

- J.D., University of Texas at Austin School of Law, 1986
  - Board of Advocates
- B.A., with honors, University of Texas at Austin, 1983
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1986
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas