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**Practice Areas**

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Professional Liability
- Transportation and Trucking
- Coverage and Insurance Litigation
- Hospitality and Lodging
- Product Liability
- Tort Litigation

Practice Emphasis

Jonathan M. Spigel is a Shareholder and Section Head of the Firm's Tort Litigation Practice Group. Jonathan's practice consists primarily of general insurance defense litigation, including transportation defense, products and premises liability defense, professional liability defense, employment and commercial litigation. His clients include a variety of product manufacturers and retailers, national hotel chains, retail stores and restaurants, national trucking companies, and local law firms and lawyers.

Representative Matters

- Obtained voluntary dismissals, summary judgments, and favorable settlements on commercial, employment, food poisoning, negligent security, premises and products liability suits brought against national hospitality, restaurant, retail-related businesses, and product manufacturers and retailers.
- Obtained Summary Judgments and favorable settlements for national trucking companies in wide variety of trucking accident cases.
- Obtained voluntary dismissals, summary judgments, favorable settlements, and successful trial results for local attorneys defended in a wide variety of legal malpractice suits.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal for cigarette lighter distributor sued in multiple death case involving minors, where one minor allegedly started apartment fire with cigarette lighter.
- Obtained summary judgment for gasoline tanker trailer manufacturer and lessor in products liability suit brought after gasoline tanker trailer rolled over, caught fire, exploded, and resulted in the burn death of tanker trailer driver.
- Obtained summary judgment for trailer hitch manufacturer in multiple death SUV/travel trailer rollover accident.
- Obtained favorable settlement for mowing equipment manufacturer in suit brought by woman whose legs had to be amputated near her knees when she fell from her riding mower and was cut by mowing implement.
- Obtained favorable settlement for owner of bucket truck/"cherry picker" that allegedly malfunctioned, pinning cable employee against wires, injuring his back and requiring multiple surgeries.
- Successfully represented international hotel chain in age discrimination suit.
- Obtained summary judgment for international hotel chain in retaliatory discharge (workers' compensation) suit.

Education

- J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 1989
 - Editor, *St. Mary's Law Journal*
- B.B.A., Finance, University of Texas at Austin, 1986

Court Admissions

- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1989
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association