

**Eric Archer**

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Practice Areas

- Torts and Insurance Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Oil, Oil Field, and Gas
- Product Liability

Practice Emphasis

Eric D. Archer is a shareholder in the Business and Tort and Insurance Litigation Sections of Cowles & Thompson. Mr. Archer's practice is devoted to litigation of negligence, personal injury, wrongful death, explosion and fire, oil field and pipeline accidents, complex property damage, construction, deceptive trade, contract and commercial transaction cases.

Mr. Archer has 30 years of civil trial experience, 18 of which were spent as Senior Litigation Attorney for ENSERCH Corporation and its affiliate and subsidiary companies where his first-chair practice consisted of personal injury, burns and wrongful death, large scale property damage, well and rig damage including blowouts and loss of hole, pipeline accidents, line damages, and a variety of commercial cases. In 1977, he was appointed as the first Juvenile Court Referee in Dallas County; a bench on which he served for two years.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Mr. Archer has lectured on numerous advocacy and litigation topics, and under a federal (CJD) grant he authored and appeared in a fifty-minute education film, "Being an Effective Witness" (1980).

Memberships

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Defense Research Institute
- Member, Dallas Association of Defense Counsel
- Member, Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Dallas Bar Association

Education and Court Admissions

- J. D., Southern Methodist University School of Law, 1973
- B.B.A., *with honors in Finance and Economics*, Southern Methodist University, 1970
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1973
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- 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