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**Practice Areas**

- Intellectual Property
- Sports and Entertainment
- Tort and Insurance Litigation
- Workers Compensation

**Practice Emphasis**

Grant T. Gaston is a Senior Associate in the Tyler office of Cowles & Thompson. Grant's practice is focused primarily on tort litigation and workers' compensation defense with additional emphasis in sports & entertainment law.

Grant continues his emphasis in negotiating by working closely with artists, writers and athletes to negotiate favorable contracts and endorsement deals, advising on licensing, distribution and media rights, protecting against copyright infringement, and assisting with general business matters.

**Negligence and Torts**

- Defended national restaurant chain in cases ranging from food poisoning to slip and fall claims
- Defended sporting goods chain against wrongful death and gross negligence allegations
- Defended national restaurant against alleged slip and fall finger amputation case
- Defended landowner in nuisance lawsuit from alleged water, silt and mud displacement onto other properties
- Defended pharmacy against malpractice claim for allegedly filing prescription with incorrect medication
- Assisted with defense of hospital in wrongful death lawsuit
- Represented homeowner in suit against home warranty company for DTPA violations

**Worker's Compensation**

- Represent multiple manufacturing companies in Contested Case Hearings, Appeals Panel Reviews and Judicial Reviews for disputes regarding employee work-related injuries
- Advise employers on proactive steps to avoid workers' compensation claims
- Obtained reversal of Decision and Order in ruling on insurance carrier's ability to dispute compensability after first denial of entitlement to benefits
- Represented insurance carrier in Judicial Review in dispute over claimant entitlement to SIBs

**Entertainment and Sports Law:**

- Represented nightclub owner in copyright infringement lawsuit
- Represented music publishing company with drafting transactional documents for sale of intellectual property
- Represented music recording artist in contract dispute with record label
- Advised professional baseball player in negotiations with teams for player contract

**Memberships**

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Smith County Bar Association
- Member, Texas Entertainment & Sports Law Section-Smith County Bar Association

**Education and Court Admissions**

- J.D., Baylor University School of Law, 2004
  - Member, Order of Barristers
  - Christian Legal Society
  - Best Brief, Texas Administrative Law Moot Court, 2002
- B.A., Texas A&M University, 1999
- Admitted to the State Bar, 2004
- Admitted to practice in all of the Texas Federal Courts