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Practice Areas

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

Practice Emphasis

Jonathan M. Spigel is a Shareholder in the Dallas office of Cowles & Thompson and he currently serves as the Section Head for the Tort and Insurance Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Spigel's practice consists primarily of general insurance defense litigation, transportation defense litigation, products and premises liability defense, professional liability defense, and employment and commercial litigation.

Memberships

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Transportation Lawyers' Association
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Southwest Jewish Congress President, and founding Board Member, June 2009 – Present
- American Jewish Congress - Southwest Region President, January 2009-May 2009
- American Jewish Congress - Southwest Region Vice-President, January 2008-December 2008
- American Jewish Congress - Southwest Region Committee Chair - Israel and International Affairs, January 2007-December 2007
- American Jewish Congress - Southwest Region Board Member, March 2005-May 2009

Education and Court Admissions

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

Representative Matters

- Obtained summary judgments, voluntary dismissals, favorable settlements, and successful trial results for local attorneys defended in a wide variety of legal malpractice suits.

- Obtained summary judgments, voluntary dismissals, and favorable settlements on commercial, employment, food poisoning, negligent security, premises and products liability suits brought against national hospitality, restaurant, and retail-related businesses.
- Successfully defended and obtained favorable settlements for national trucking companies in wide variety of trucking accident cases.
- 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" which allegedly malfunctioned, pinning cable employee against wires, injuring his back and requiring multiple surgeries.
- Successfully represented International Hotel Chain in age discrimination suit brought in 2000.
- Obtained summary judgment for International Hotel Chain in retaliatory discharge (workers' compensation) suit filed in 1999.
- Regularly represents International Hotel Chains in various commercial-related disputes with guests and vendors since 1998.
- Regularly represents International Hotel Chains in negligent security, premises, and products liability-related suits since 1996.
- Regularly represents International Hotel Chains in a variety of insurance-related matters since 1996.