



Transportation and Trucking

Cowles & Thompson has a long history of serving operators of commercial vehicles and those companies that insure them. C&T attorneys handle matters in all aspects of transportation law with clients involved in the shipping process including freight damage, loss, interstate commerce, overweight violations and truck accidents.

Our attorneys also serve as general counsel to many trucking companies advising on issues related to business transactions, employment litigation and policy implementation, as well as commercial lease negotiations and other real estate related matters. In addition, we represent motor carriers, private fleet operators, logistics companies and private motorists both directly and through their insurers. This representation includes transportation companies in the trucking and logistics industries.

30,000

Represented clients with up to 20,000 tractors and 30,000 trailers and containers.

TYPES OF CARRIERS REPRESENTED

Our proven track record is a result of years of litigation experience and keeping up-to-date on changes occurring within the industry. Our clients include inter/intra-state trucking companies, retail companies that operate their own fleets, air freight carriers, service and logistics providers, and others including:

- Freight barge operations
- Intermodal companies
- LTL carriers
- Moving companies
- Specialized carriers
- TL carriers
- Towing companies
- Truck leasing companies

LITIGATION OF DISPUTES

Our attorneys appear in all state and federal trial courts in Texas and have experience before each of the various administrative tribunals within the state. We also are experienced in arguing cases in all of the state and federal appellate courts, and we have worked with the National Transportation and Safety Board on investigation and determination of loss and injury questions.

AREAS OF REPRESENTATION

With extensive knowledge of the transportation industry and the trial experience of our attorneys, we provide both legal defense and consulting services including:

- Accident investigation coordination
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Commercial lease negotiations and other real estate-related representation
- Contract negotiation and preparation

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- Contractual disputes
- Employment, non-competition and personnel matters
- Environmental/toxic tort claims
- Freight loss and damage claims
- In-house risk management
- Insurance coverage issues
- Negligent retention and supervision and improper maintenance of equipment
- Pre-litigation assistance, including preservation of evidence and accident investigation
- Property damage and cargo claims
- Regulatory compliance and licensing
- Risk management counseling
- Tort liability defense
- Traffic issues
- Wrongful death claims and personal injury lawsuits
- Workers' compensation

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

In addition to handling disputes after they arise, attorneys work with clients to try to prevent disputes from happening and/or to assist in resolving the disputes before they reach the litigation stage.

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