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Practice Areas

- Commercial / Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Practice Emphasis

Todd Harlow is a member of the Cowles and Thompson Commercial Litigation section. He has developed a diverse commercial litigation practice representing companies and executives in a broad array of business disputes.

Representative Matters

Recent trial and appellate successes include:

- Successful bench trial, with Monica Narvaez, where the court in Collin County enforced a training expense repayment contract on behalf of our plaintiff client, a local air carrier. The court found that the defendant, a former pilot employed by the carrier, was obligated to repay training costs; the court awarded all of the requested attorneys' fees.
- Take-nothing Judgment after trial for developer of a lucrative oil and gas lease against fraud and breach of contract claims brought by investors;
- Take-nothing Judgment after trial of fraudulent transfer claims brought by a major bank that sought to enforce a prior judgment by collecting the client company's assets; and
- \$48 million Judgment, affirmed on appeal, for defrauded investors in a dispute involving several failed real estate developments. (See also this article from [The Dallas Morning News](#).)

Other notable trial and appellate successes include:

- Judgment turning over control of a helmet manufacturing company and its intellectual property to the company's former chief executive officer;
- Reversal on appeal of several bankruptcy court orders adjudicating shareholders' equitable subordination and relative priority claims in a bankruptcy involving a major oil and gas exploration and development company;
- Take-nothing Judgment in favor of a former company officer in defense of breach of fiduciary duty and related business tort claims alleging damages in excess of \$8 million;
- Take-nothing Judgment in favor of a major developer of wind-powered electricity in defense of a \$30+ million liquidated damage claim for breach of a power purchase agreement;
- \$4 million Judgment, affirmed on appeal, obtained against former company officers for breach of fiduciary duty; and
- Successful trial of claims brought by a motion picture company for breach of a licensing agreement to exploit the Academy Award-winning film *Monster*.

Published Opinions

- *Navigant Consulting, Inc. v. Wilkinson*, 508 F.3d 277 (5th Cir. 2007).
- *Lombardo v. Bhattacharyya*, 437 S.W.3d 658 (Tex. App.--Dallas 2014).
- *Brauss v. Triple M Holding GmbH*, 411 S.W.3d 614 (Tex. App.--Dallas 2013).

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Houston Law Center, 2002
 - Order of the Coif
 - Order of Barristers
 - Order of the Barons
 - Notes & Comments Editor, *Houston Law Review*
- B.A., *cum laude*, University of Houston, 1995

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2002
- 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
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Texas Public Policy Foundation

Honors

- *Texas Rising Stars*® by *Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers*®, selected for inclusion, 2008