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Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Commercial Litigation
- Oilfield Injury Litigation
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Tort Litigation
- Transportation and Trucking



Practice Emphasis

John M. Pease is a Shareholder and Section Head of the Cowles and Thompson Transportation and Trucking Litigation Practice Group as well as a member of the Tort Litigation Practice Group. He began his legal practice at Cowles & Thompson, and for the past twenty years he has provided representation to clients in products liability, premises liability, aviation and other personal injury matters, as well as commercial litigation matters.

John has represented both national and Texas-based corporations and other entities in the state and federal courts of Texas. He has tried cases in counties throughout the state, including Dallas, Tarrant, Harris, Bexar, Travis, El Paso, Wichita, Jefferson, Freestone, Henderson, and Madison Counties. He also has extensive experience in the federal courts of Texas. John has major claim trial experience, representing insurance companies, aviation manufacturers, transportation and trucking companies, and gasoline retailers, among others.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

John has written and lectured attorneys and clients on various subjects, including transportation industry defense, effective advocacy at hearings, written discovery, premises liability, preparation of settlement documentation and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA).

Representative Matters

- Successfully prosecuted a case for an oil and gas client involving multiple indemnity agreements with respect to a well blowout, by obtaining a jury verdict awarding 100% of the client's damages. October 2010
- Successfully defended a property management company from allegations of premises liability resulting in a plaintiff's death by obtaining an affirmance in the Fort Worth Court of Appeals of a take-nothing summary judgment in favor of the client. July 2010
- Successfully defended a professional counselor from allegations of fraud and professional negligence by obtaining a take-nothing judgment in favor of the client at trial. July 2010
- Won a trial in Travis County, Texas, on behalf of a petroleum company client. Plaintiff alleged an employee of the company had struck him in the head with a rock as he was driving away from the station, causing physical injuries. The jury found there was no negligence on the part of the petroleum company or the employee. June 2004

Education

- J.D., University of Texas at Austin School of Law, 1986
 - Board of Advocates
- B.A., *with honors*, University of Texas at Austin, 1983

Court Admissions

- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1986
- 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, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers*® by *Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers*®, 2004-2017
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in Dallas* by *D Magazine*®, in the field of “Tort, Product & Medical Liability Litigation,” 2013

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Transportation Industry Defense Association
- Dallas Association of Defense Counsel
- Dallas Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- The Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court, Barrister
- International Association Defense Counsel
- Lawyer’s Cooperative Publishing, Editorial Board
- Legal Services of North Texas, pro bono representation