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Christopher W. Caudill focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and construction litigation involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, fraud, and trade secret misappropriation, among other things. He has successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in state courts, federal courts, and arbitration.

Chris has experience representing general contractors and subcontractors across Texas in construction defect and breach of contract actions. He also counsels a variety of businesses in the manufacturing industry including those operating in specialized fields of sublimation, steel assembly and coating, and industrial hydraulic lift suspensions. He regularly advises both homeowners and contractors on available actions and defenses related to the Texas Residential Construction Liability Act ("RCLA").

#### **Outside The Firm**

Chris enjoys traveling the world with his wife and walking his large Hungarian sheepdog around Houston. He is an avid golfer and an annual participant in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo BBQ Cook-Off competition.

### **Select Engagements**

- **Government Construction:** Obtained favorable settlement of masonry subcontractor following multi-million-dollar construction defect claim related to construction of elementary school in Texas.
- **Products and Manufacturing:** Represented steel assembly manufacturer in multiple homeowner claims related to coating, adhesion, and installation.

- Wrongful Death: Favorable settlement for hydraulic lift manufacturer in large-scale wrongful death claim involving commercial trucking company.
- Breach of Contract: Assisted in obtaining motion to dismiss in federal court for cargo company against claims of failure to pay for transportation and delivery costs.
- Premises Liability: Second-chair attorney in AAA arbitration representing national fast-food franchise and defending against injury and damage claims brought by former employee.
- Residential Construction: Obtained favorable settlement for masonry subcontractor in construction defect action related to water intrusion and moisture barriers in residential home.
- Products and Manufacturing: Oversaw defense and settlement of multimillion-dollar catastrophic fire claim involving sublimation machine manufacturer.
- Commercial Construction: Obtained favorable settlement for glass and glazing subcontractor following allegations of moisture intrusion and mold at commercial property in Dallas County, Texas.

#### **Admissions**

- Texas
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas

#### **Education**

- University of Houston Law Center, JD
- Trinity University, BA

## Recognitions

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#### **Professional Activities**

Chris serves as a member of the Garland Walker American Inn of Court, the National Asian Pacific Bar Association, the Asian American Bar Association, and the Houston Bar Association. Chris also serves as member and Pro Bono Committee cochair of the Houston Young Lawyers Association and a judge of the Andrew Kurth National Moot Court Championship.