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M. DRU MONTGOMERY

Dru Montgomery became Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law in the first year of his eligibility to apply in 2005. While Mr. Montgomery's early practice focused on representing injured claimants in front of Southeast Texas juries, his practice has expanded to encompass trials and arbitrations representing individuals and companies throughout the State of Texas. Whether a client is a large corporation in a complex business dispute, a local city that requires guidance on policy and planning or a person who has suffered a life-altering injury, Mr. Montgomery's professional passion is to use his more than two decades of legal experience to serve as a trusted counselor and effective advocate.

Legal Concentration

Commercial Litigation

Personal Injury

Insurance Dispute Resolution

Local and County Government

Education

Juris Doctor, Baylor University School of Law, Waco, Texas 1999

Bachelor of Arts *cum laude*, Political Science Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 1996

Bar Admissions

United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of Texas

United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Federal Circuits

Bar/Professional

Jefferson County Young Lawyers Association, President

Jefferson County Bar Association, Board Member

Michelle F. Mehaffy Inn of Court, Secretary and Board Member

Local Rules Advisory Committee for United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Member

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Representative Experience

Commercial Litigation:

Trials and arbitration

Modern commerce means attorneys have to be ready and willing to dig in and solve problems however and wherever they arise. Mr. Montgomery has represented companies in state and federal court litigation throughout the state of Texas. He has also appeared for and presented businesses in single and multi- arbitration matters on complex disputes involving multimillion-dollar sales of receivables, intellectual property matters, service contract disputes, and claims of unfair competition and corporate fraud. But not all disputes end up in trial or arbitration. Mr. Montgomery has served as a negotiator and counselor for businesses seeking to avoid litigation or re-structure fractured relationships.

Injunction

Whether protection against the theft of proprietary information or invoking the terms of a noncompete agreement, Mr. Montgomery represents companies and individuals navigating the ever-changing landscape of modern commerce.

Employment Matters

The most effective way to avoid contentious employment disputes is for both the employer and employee to have a transparent understanding of each other's expectations. Mr. Montgomery has assisted with the development and implementation of employment policies for small and large-sized companies and governments. Additionally, Mr. Montgomery has assisted professionals with negotiating, evaluating, and executing employment agreements.

Personal Injury Litigation

Mr. Montgomery's early practice focused almost exclusively representing Texans injured in industrial, automobile, and product liability accidents. Since joining the Heartfield Law Firm in 2006, he continues to represent victims of serious accidents. He also, however, has broadened his representation of companies to include both commercial litigation and personal injury defense. For example, in addition to obtaining successful verdicts on behalf of injured victims, Mr. Montgomery defended a local Harley Davidson store in a serious motorcycle helmet lawsuit.

Insurance Matters

The Texas Department of Insurance has approved Mr. Montgomery to be on its roster of appraisal umpires to resolve property damage claims for policies issued by the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association. Mr. Montgomery has served as an umpire between insurance companies and insured to settle numerous disputes over the appraised value of property damaged in windstorm and flood events.



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Mr. Montgomery also uses his litigation experience to counsel companies governmental entity's on the prevention or pursuit of insurance claims. For example, Mr. Montgomery's assists companies in evaluating operations for potential liability and the proper presentation of claims to insurance companies. Mr. Montgomery does not represent insurance companies but will often serve as a company's or an individual's or governmental entity's advisor in complex claims involving insurance.

Government

Mr. Montgomery has served as City Attorney for the City of Bevil Oaks since 2006. In that capacity, he has advised the city on all matters affecting governance including open government, municipal ordinance creation and prosecution and election matters. In addition to representing Bevil Oaks, Mr. Montgomery has represented Jefferson County and Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 in a variety of venues including eminent domain proceedings and contractual disputes.