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Gregory E. Bodin, managing shareholder of the Firm's Baton Rouge office, is an experienced commercial litigator who has taken more than thirty jury trials to verdict in 35 years of practice.

Greg has handled a large variety of commercial litigation over his career, and he has coupled his trial experience with an approach to creative and sometimes complex settlements of cases to serve our clients with efficient and effective resolutions. Greg served for almost 20 years as an adjunct faculty member at the LSU Law School, where he taught Legal Negotiations & Professionalism, which allowed him to hone his skills in effective negotiations and resolutions of all types of cases. As a past president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, Greg maintains strong relationships with the local judiciary and a collegial reputation within the local legal community.

Greg has handled litigation and non-litigation matters involving: insurance disputes in multiple lines of coverages; defense of employer liability, workers' compensation, casualty, products liability, and occupational disease cases; fiduciary litigation involving trusts, successions, and interdiction proceedings; all forms of business-related litigation arising out of commercial disputes in state and federal courts; and bid protests, licensing disputes, and regulatory matters before various state agencies and tribunals. His practice has involved handling matters in every United States District Court in Louisiana and appearing in all five state appellate courts and the Supreme Court in Louisiana.



Case Studies

- [Successful Casualty Trial in Defense of Motor Freight Trucking Company](#) - Casualty Litigation



Representative Matters

Coverage Litigation

- Lead coverage counsel for the largest workers' compensation insurer in the state, for cases pending throughout all districts of the Office of Workers' Compensation and Louisiana's state and federal courts, involving litigation and resolution of complex cases and claims and myriad issues including coverage disputes, duty to defend, coordination of coverage and benefits of multi-party and multi-state policies, Medicare Set Asides, and extra-contractual claims.
- Lead coverage counsel for insurer defending claims for alleged damages and penalties for allegedly breaching duty to defend policyholder, resulting in a Louisiana Supreme Court decision to reduce the damage award by over 85 percent.
- Lead trial and appellate counsel in litigation between competing insurers as to liability for benefits to a fireman's widow under the Heart and Lung Act.

Fiduciary Litigation

- Lead trial and appellate counsel to validate an irrevocable trust based on another state's constructive trust laws and the trust provisions, despite irregularities with the signature pages in the trust document itself and relying instead on the subsequent donations and transfers to the trustee to confirm the trust's validity.
- Lead trial counsel for executrix in claims over competing wills, including the resolution of the issues involving capacity of the decedent to execute an olographic will.

- Lead trial counsel in claims against estate of former curator of interdicted person to recover funds misappropriated by former curator.
- Lead trial counsel in defense of executor, leading to global resolution of all claims and partition of interests in multiple tracts in multiple parishes under terms of will.
- Lead trial counsel in succession proceeding on behalf of executor and original trustee, including obtaining a temporary restraining order against a putative successor trustee and resulting in the invalidation of the trust amendments to restore original trustee and rejection of efforts to remove executor.
- Lead trial counsel on action on behalf of estate of interdict in recovery of misappropriated funds of interdict by family member curatrix.
- Lead trial counsel in litigation over contested donation of property and subsequent judicial partition of large tracts of property in succession to avoid ownership in indivision.

Casualty and Defense Litigation

- Lead trial counsel in two-week jury trial rejecting claims for traumatic brain injury.
- Lead trial and appellate counsel in unanimous opinion from the Louisiana Supreme Court establishing the superiority of the employment at will doctrine over tort theories against an employer.
- Lead trial and appellate counsel in class action certification involving the narrowing of class definition and exclusion of fear and fright claims from a chemical release.
- Lead trial counsel in dismissal before trial of local marine company in mesothelioma action by former employee.
- Lead trial counsel for a national tire and rubber manufacturer, defending asbestos-related premises and product liability cases throughout Louisiana's state and federal courts.
- Lead trial counsel for manufacturer of a conveyor system in products liability suit arising from traumatic amputation of the plaintiff's fingers of her dominant hand.

Business Litigation and Transactions

- Lead trial counsel in a civil RICO jury case tried to verdict, but settled for pretrial offer prior to verdict, of the underlying construction and business license disputes.
- Lead trial and appellate counsel in administrative review and appeal to overturn a DHH reimbursement order of Medicaid funding against an ICF/MR.
- Lead trial counsel for subcontractor in suit against general contractor over failure to remit payments on a federal public works project, including obtaining a temporary restraining order against the general contractor pending resolution of the claims.
- Lead trial counsel for Fortune 100 company in dismissing Title VII claim for race discrimination in federal court.
- Seller's counsel for several asset purchase agreements for home health companies, including the negotiation of post-closing obligations after buyer's initial public offering as a publicly traded company.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation, 2019 – 2025; Litigation - Banking and Finance, 2023 – 2025; Litigation - Trusts and Estates, 2024 – 2025
- Listed in *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2012 – 2016
- Member – Baton Rouge Bar Association (Board of Directors, 2000 – 2006; President, 2005; President-elect, 2004; Treasurer, 2003; President's Award, 2000)
- Member – Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Fellow – Louisiana State Bar Foundation
- Member – Wex Malone Inns of Court (Executive Committee, 1999 – 2002)
- Graduate – Leadership Baton Rouge, 2000
- Named to *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report* "Top 40 Under 40," 2001
- Former Assistant Bar Examiner by appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court

- Member – Baker Donelson's 24-Hour Transportation Emergency Response Team



Education

- Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, J.D., 1988
- Louisiana State University, B.S. in Finance, 1984



Admissions

- Louisiana, 1988