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Phillip Sharp is a shareholder in the Houston office and a member of the Business Litigation Group.

Mr. Sharp has extensive first-chair jury trial experience representing companies in a variety of industries in cases ranging from breach of contract and fraud lawsuits to fiduciary duty cases to catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death claims.

Mr. Sharp has tried oil and gas lease disputes, environmental pollution cases, business interruption claims, pipeline construction cases, employment discrimination and retaliation cases, and a variety of occupational injury lawsuits. Mr. Sharp has represented exploration and production companies, midstream pipelines, oilfield service companies, refineries and forest products manufacturers.

Representative Matters

- Defended an interstate pipeline company in a two-week jury trial involving a catastrophic brain injury sustained by a contractor's employee.
- Served as lead counsel in a three-week jury trial involving fraud in an oil and gas transaction.
- Defended a refinery in a multi-party wrongful death case arising from a boiler explosion. Obtained a ruling from the court of appeals on an application for writ of mandamus that is now the seminal case in Texas on designation of responsible third parties.
- Served as lead counsel in related misappropriation of trade secrets cases. Obtained a voluntary walk-away/nonsuit of the client in two separate venues in Texas after filing anti-SLAPP motions against the plaintiffs.
- Served as lead trial counsel for an exploration and production company in a dispute over post-sale purchase price adjustments.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Member – American Board of Trial Advocates
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Member – Phi Beta Kappa
- Member – Order of the Barristers
- Member – State Bar of Texas
- Member – Houston Bar Association

Certifications

Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board Of Legal Specialization

Speaking Engagements

- "Chicanery in Texas: How Much Is Too Much," Houston, Texas (2012)
- "Jury Selection in Employment Cases," Dallas, Texas (2011)
- "Unscrambling the Egg: Jury Selection from the Defense Perspective," New York, New York (2010)



Education

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1990
- Louisiana State University, Ph.D., 1985



Admissions

- Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas