

Licensed to practice law in the States of Oklahoma and Illinois. Complex commercial litigator known for:

- Solid judgment, cost-effective solutions and understanding of business realities and impact on case preparation, discovery, motion practice, trial and settlement strategies.
- Calm and clear leadership and balanced perspective to find middle ground, avoid unnecessary expense and achieve early end to lawsuits.
- Collaboration with lawyers nationwide in corporate legal departments, law firms and other organizations.
- Organization and management of 100+ case dockets.
- Mentoring and training junior attorneys and legal staff.

Employment History with Representative Matters

McAfee & Taft, Tulsa, OK | October 2011 to January 2019

Attorney in Litigation Practice Group at state's largest law firm. First-chaired court hearings, depositions and mediations. Developed and implemented defense strategy in complex lawsuits in federal and state courts, with damage claims ranging from \$500,000 to more than \$5 million.

Key Contributions & Roles

- Counseled and advised clients on litigation strategies geared toward early resolution.
- Coordinated discovery and document production, including analysis of objections, privilege issues and motions. Responded to hundreds of interrogatories and requests for production. Reviewed extensive financial, medical, employment and other records.
- Conducted over 100 depositions of plaintiffs, company and other fact witnesses, 30(b)(6) corporate representatives, medical, engineering and technical experts.
- Researched, drafted and argued at hearings motions to dismiss for failure to state a claim and for lack of personal jurisdiction; motions to remand and transfer to MDL courts; motions to compel discovery; motions to dismiss under federal preemption, motions for summary judgment; *Daubert* motions to exclude experts; and other procedural, evidentiary and dispositive motions.

Representative Matters

- Lead attorney for manufacturers of consumer products incorporating asbestos, in 10+ state court actions with claimed damages of over \$500,000 each. After developing defense in 25+ depositions, resolved actions through voluntary dismissals, low value settlements or summary judgment.
- Lead attorney at state agency board hearing to restore pharmacy client's license to good standing. Made argument and presented and cross-examined expert witnesses to prevail over state's objection.
- Lead attorney for manufacturer of implantable medical devices in two separate state and federal court actions with damage claims over \$250,000. Voluntarily dismissed upon *Daubert* and summary judgment motions.
- Lead attorney for physician and second-chaired defense of pharmaceutical manufacturer in state court action involving a clinical trial with damage claim over \$500,000. Nuisance value settlement for company and dismissal of physician at mediation.
- Lead state counsel for manufacturer of surgical robotic technology in state court actions with claimed damages in the millions. Nuisance value settlements at mediations.
- Lead state counsel for generic drug manufacturers in 600+ plaintiff lawsuits removed to federal court with aggregate damage claims over \$60 million. Prevailed on motions to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Lead state counsel for cancer drug manufacturer in 15 federal court lawsuits with claimed damages in the millions. First-chaired 30+ depositions of oncologists, oral surgeons, pathologists and plaintiffs. Developed

proximate causation testimony to prevail on *Daubert* and summary judgment motions.

Eldridge Cooper Steichen & Leach, Tulsa, OK | October 2003 to October 2011

Attorney at boutique litigation law firm, hired to second-chair first named partner on products liability and other matters in federal and state courts. First-chaired ~5 mediations and small claims bench trial in state court.

Representative Matters

- Lead attorney for three multinational manufacturers of industrial equipment incorporating asbestos, in 10+ state court actions with claimed damages of over \$500,000 each. After developing defense in 50+ depositions, resolved actions through voluntary dismissals, low value settlements or summary judgment.
- Defense team for American-based car manufacturers in ~5 product design and failure to warn actions involving child restraints, with initial damage claims at ~\$1 million per case. Settled after mediations.
- Second-chaired local counsel team for AmLaw 100 law firm defending Japanese component supplier for bullet resistant vests against warranty and equitable claims in state court. Second-chaired opposition to class action certification and other motion hearings. Settled during appeal of class certification.

Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Chicago, IL | July 1999 to July 2003

Associate Attorney at Chicago-based national law firm, hired to serve on national counsel teams for pharmaceutical, medical device and asbestos mass tort litigations in federal and state courts. Developed and executed national defense strategies on motion practice, discovery and experts. Second-chaired teams of two to four attorneys and supervised local counsel in discovery and pre-trial proceedings. Litigated dental malpractice cases.

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- Second-chaired defense of ~5 manufacturers of cardiac and respiratory devices in five separate lawsuits in federal and state courts, with initial damages claims over \$1 million each. First-chaired oral argument at discovery hearings and court conducted settlement conferences. Resolved by dismissals, settlements and summary judgment.
- Coordinated and managed defense of 100+ physicians sued in fen-phen diet drug litigation in multiple states, with initial damages claims of at least \$250,000 each. First-chaired depositions of 50+ plaintiffs, physicians and company witnesses. Voluntarily dismissed.
- Coordinated and managed defense of three national manufacturers of asbestos-containing products in ~100 products liability actions in federal and state courts, with initial damages claims of at least \$250,000 each. First-chaired depositions of 50+ plaintiffs, fact witnesses and experts. Resolved by dismissals and settlements.
- Second-chaired defense of ~5 dentists in dental malpractice suits with damage claims of at least \$100,000 each. First-chaired depositions of clients and plaintiffs. Resolved by motions and settlements.

Taylor Burrage Law Firm, Claremore, OK | September 1995 to June 1999

Founding member of general litigation boutique hired to assist senior partner in general litigation matters including condemnation, oil and gas and personal injury lawsuits for plaintiffs and defendants.

Representative Matters

- Second-chaired prosecution of nursing home negligence case, resulting in record-breaking attorney fee award and published decision, *Morgan v. Galilean*, 977 P.2d 357 (Okla. 1998).
- Second-chaired representation of hospital and physicians in internal hospital peer review hearings.
- Lead attorney on criminal and guardianship matters and presented witnesses and argument at court hearings.
- Second-chaired defense of gas company in proceedings to prevent inspection of multi-million dollar natural gas well; developed strategy with in-house counsel; prepared expert geologist for depositions and trial.

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- Second-chaired representation of power and gas line companies in eminent domain actions from inception of project to trial; prepared expert real estate appraiser witnesses for deposition and trial, drafted motions.
- Prepared severe injury and wrongful death cases for mediation.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, D.C.) J.D., May 1995

- Under supervision of adjunct professor, partnered with classmate to research and write *amicus* brief to U.S. Supreme Court on whether change in frequency of prisoner's parole hearings violated the *ex post facto* clause of the U.S. Constitution. Other activities included Criminal Justice Clinic, internship with U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and president of South Asian Law Students Association.

Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, Oklahoma), B.A., Political Science, May 1992

- Oklahoma Regents full tuition and fees scholarship and additional academic scholarships from Oklahoma State University Foundation, American Airlines and National Honors Society. Active in student organizations.

Professional & Community Leadership

Honors & Awards

- Oklahoma Super Lawyers Top 25 Women (2018); Products Liability (2013 – 2019); Rising Star (2008 – 2011)
- The Best Lawyers in America, mass tort litigation/ class actions defendants (2017 – 2019)
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review AV Preeminent Rating (since 2015)
- Leadership Tulsa Star Award honoree (2013)
- Oklahoma Magazine's 40 Under 40 list of outstanding young professionals (2009)

Current Legal and Community Leadership

- Tulsa Lawyers for Children: *Pro Bono* representation of children at all stages of abuse and neglect proceedings including initial hearings to trial for termination of parental rights (2009 to present)
- Tulsa County Bar Association Court Assistance Program: *Pro Bono* representation of pro se tenants facing eviction (2019)
- Oklahoma Bar Association High School Mock Trial Program: Volunteer Judge (2012 to present)
- Foundation for Jenks Public Schools: Board of Directors, various leadership roles (2013 – 2019)
- India Association of Greater Tulsa: Board of Directors, various leadership roles (2010 to 2019)
- Tulsa Children's Museum: Various leadership roles including founding member and Board of Directors (2008 – 2015; 2019 to present) and Steering Committee designing and planning \$40 million museum (2015 to present)
- Georgetown University Alumni Association: Law school and undergraduate interviewer (2012 to present)
- Girl Scouts: Various leadership roles including Troop Leader, Board of Directors and High School Scholarship Committee (1995 to present); Earned Gold Award (1989)

Presentations and Publications

- Presented at 6 national and local conferences on defense strategies in mass torts litigation.
- Published 10 articles on issues involved in products liability litigation and healthcare law.