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BIOGRAPHY

Chad Arnette represents corporate and individual clients in a wide variety of business litigation in state and federal courts involving real estate, healthcare, oil and gas, employment, antitrust, tax and other matters. Mr. Arnette has participated in numerous civil and criminal trials in state and federal courts, multi-week administrative proceedings, arbitrations, and appeals.

EXPERIENCE AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Won summary judgment for Dallas-based midstream company in a dispute with a contractor over the construction of a pipeline in West Virginia
- Represented E&P company in litigation against OCTG manufacturers and suppliers whose defective components resulted in the complete loss of a Delaware basin well
- Represented midstream company in contract litigation involving gas gathering, processing and fractionation
- Won a week-long arbitration on behalf of a supplier who asserted breach of contract and other claims against a Dallas-based luxury retailer
- Represented pipeline owner in litigation against contractor who performed work that resulted in the rupture of the pipeline
- Obtained summary judgment for the City of Arlington in a case filed by a restaurant/bar trade association challenging the constitutionality of Arlington's smoke-free ordinance
- Represented Permian-basin focused E&P company in a number of matters, including well failures, liens, lease challenges, and oilfield theft
- Ongoing representation of distributor of electronic components in antitrust litigation against Japanese suppliers
- Successfully defended health care company and its partners in a \$65 million lawsuit alleging fraud, tortious interference and other claims. After two years of litigation, favorable trial court rulings, and a successful interlocutory appeal for Defendants, Plaintiffs dismissed all of their claims without compensation
- Obtained 12(b)(6) dismissal of the United States Anti-Doping Agency and Travis Tygart in a defamation lawsuit brought by track and field coach Jon Drummond
- Successfully defended health care company against a non-compete challenge filed by a former limited partner, resulting in a walk away by the Plaintiff without compensation
- In a trademark infringement case in the Southern District of New York, obtained injunctive relief prohibiting the sale of infringing products and requiring the recall and destruction of all infringing products sold
- Won a \$50 million bench trial involving a lignite mine in Central Texas
- Successfully defended health care company in a defamation case filed by a certified registered nurse anaesthetist.

The Plaintiff dismissed all of his claims without monetary compensation

- Obtained 12(b)(6) dismissal in a takings lawsuit brought by a real estate developer against the City of Arlington, Texas. Affirmed on appeal
- Successfully defended Japanese electronics manufacturer and obtained award on client's counterclaims in a Chicago arbitration
- Successfully represented the City of Arlington, Texas, in several employment discrimination cases
- Obtained multi-million dollar judgment for a real estate developer in a case involving developments in Arizona and Texas
- Obtained a favorable settlement for the Plaintiff package manufacturer in a trade secret case against a large video game retailer
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of a tax suit brought by the County of St. Louis, Missouri against numerous online travel companies. Affirmed by the Missouri Supreme Court
- Successfully represented an online travel company in numerous tax suits in California
- Obtained multi-million dollar settlement for the Plaintiff in an insurance dispute relating to a fire at a commercial building
- Successfully brought antitrust claims against a large demographic data provider, resulting in a favorable settlement for a consumer analytics company
- Successfully defended numerous law firms and accounting firms in professional malpractice cases

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

AFFILIATIONS

- Dallas Bar Association
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, Greeting Committee
- Make-a-Wish Foundation, Regional Advisory Board, Former Member
- Quail Coalition, Cross Timbers Chapter, Former Board Member
- Quail Unlimited, Cross Timbers Chapter, Former Board Member

HONORS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2018-2021
- Top Attorney in Professional Malpractice Non Medical Defense, *360 West* magazine, 2020
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2013-2020
- Top Attorney in Product Liability Law, *360 West* magazine, 2018-2019
- Top Attorney, *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine, 2012-2019
- Top Attorney in Antitrust Law, *360 West* magazine, 2018
- Top Attorney in Civil Law Litigation, *360 West* magazine, 2018
- Top Attorney in Commercial Litigation, *360 West* magazine, 2017
- Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2008-2013

- 40 Under 40 honoree, *Fort Worth Business Press*, 2012
- American Bar Association, Professional Liability Litigation Alert Editor, 2005-2007

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1999
 - SMU Law Review*
 - Phi Delta Phi
 - Dean's List
- University of London, Maria Assumption Center
- The University of Mississippi, B.P.A., *magna cum laude*, 1996

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Texas, 2000
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas