

## People



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Larry Kurth serves as managing partner of Akerman's San Antonio office. Board Certified as a Civil Trial Lawyer by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, he has a broad-based commercial litigation practice with a focus on insurance disputes. Larry has significant experience in policy drafting, interpretation, fraud, malpractice, and coverage matters. His clients include both multinational corporations and top 50 insurance companies.

In addition to his insurance practice, Larry represents clients across a range of sectors, including transportation, healthcare, and government in commercial disputes, products liability, personal injury, property damage, and contracts, among other business disputes. With a prolific practice in state and federal courts, Larry has appeared before virtually every sitting judge in Bexar County, from J.P. Courts to the Fourth Court of Appeals. Larry has conducted jury trials from Houston to Brownsville, to San Antonio to Austin, and most of the counties in between.

Larry serves as Chairman of the University Health System Foundation and on the Board of the Consejo Educational Foundation, as well as the San Antonio Fiesta Commission. He has served as President of the Fiesta Commission. He is also the former President of the American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

#### Notable Work

**Good Faith:** Represented State Farm Insurance Companies in multiple duties-of-good-faith-and-fair-dealing matters, including the case establishing standard duties required for Texas insurance companies to act in good faith in claim denial situations.

**Police Immunity:** Represented a private university in a precedent-setting case where the Supreme Court of Texas ruled that a private university police department is a "government unit" entitled to an interlocutory appeal from the denial of a plea to the jurisdiction. The Supreme Court remanded the case to the 4th Court of Appeals for

#### Areas of Experience

Litigation  
Health Insurers and Managed Care Organizations  
Healthcare Fraud and Abuse  
Insurance Fraud  
Insurance Litigation  
Health and Life Sciences  
Financial Services  
Commercial Disputes  
Professional Liability

#### Education

J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 1981, Articles Editor, *St. Mary's Law Journal*  
B.A., College of Wooster, Urban Planning, 1976

#### Admissions

##### Bars

Texas  
Oklahoma

##### Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, District of Colorado  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit  
U.S. Supreme Court

#### Related Content

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August 22, 2023

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the ultimate analysis of whether the police department has immunity.

**Venture Capital:** Represented an IT start-up company in a favorable jury verdict against investors claiming \$30 million.

*America 2022 Guide*  
August 19, 2021

172 Akerman Lawyers Across the United States  
Named to 2020 *Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars* Lists  
October 28, 2020

## Published Work and Lectures

- UE Forum on Legal Defense of Issues in Higher Education, Speaker, “Campus Police - The Use of Force Continuum/Conundrum,” 2015
- Larry is a repeat author and speaker for the State Bar of Texas Advance Civil Trial CLE Programs, as well as for legal seminars for insurance clients, including:
  - “Bad Faith Doctrine in Texas”
  - “Preparing Fire Experts for Discovery”
  - “Preparing executive Officers for Apex Depositions”

## Affiliations

- University Health Systems Foundation, Board of Directors, Chairman
- ABOTA, Member
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Member
- State Bar College, Member
- San Antonio Bar Association, Fellow
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
  - Tort and Insurance Practice Section
- Bexar County Bar Association, Member
- Travis County Bar Association, Member
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Member
- Defense Research Institute, Member
- Colorado Bar Association, Member
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Member
- American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Former President
- International Association of Arson Investigators, Member
- A Texas Advisory Counsel on Arson (ATAC), Member

## Honors and Distinctions

- Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2016-2024, Listed in Texas for Commercial Litigation, Railroad Law
- *San Antonio Business Journal*, Nonprofit & Corporate Philanthropy Award Honoree, 2023
- Recognized as a *San Antonio Outstanding Lawyer* by the San Antonio Business Journal, 2015
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2012-2020, Listed in Texas for Civil Litigation: Defense
- Who’s Who in San Antonio Lawyers
- Texas Monthly Best Lawyers in Texas
- Voted one of San Antonio’s Best Lawyers as rated by peers, *S.A. Scene*, 2009-2012