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Mark Shutt practices civil litigation with a focus on complex coverage and insurance disputes. He represents clients in everything from advising carriers on legal and contractual duties and managing extra-contractual exposure to representing carriers in active litigation in state and federal court. Mark has extensive experience in advising and representing carriers with respect to claims under commercial general liability, excess and umbrella, retained limit, commercial general property, garage keepers, professional liability, pollution, directors and officers, and commercial auto policies. Mark has also experience in defending clients in breach of contract, personal injury, and real estate matters.

Mark is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Baylor School of Law. Mark also holds a Master in Business Administration degree from Baylor University. He is member of the Texas Bar Foundation, the Texas Association of Defense Counsel, and Christian Legal Society. He has also contributed to the TADC's Insurance Newsletter from 2017 to the present.

Notable Work

Insurance Litigation: Represented global insurance company in complex dispute over coverage under a medical facility's Director's and Officer's Policy related to fraud claims and claims under the False Claims Act and anti-kickback statutes asserted by the federal government. Plaintiffs sought defense and indemnity costs in excess of \$8 million. Through discovery and negotiation, was able to effectively posture the case and obtain a favorable settlement on behalf of insurer.

Insurance Litigation: Represented national insurance company in dispute over coverage under a contractor's general liability policy arising from the personal injuries of a subcontractor. The insurer argued the claim was excluded and sought the recovery of defense costs incurred in the underlying liability lawsuit. Through motion practice, including a motion for summary judgment, and effective

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Insurance Litigation

Education

J.D., Baylor Law School, magna cum laude
M.B.A., Baylor University, Gamma Beta Phi
B.B.A., University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Finance

Admissions

Bars

Texas

Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

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August 22, 2023

negotiation, was able to obtain a favorable settlement from the contractor.

Insurance Litigation: Represented national insurance company in numerous federal and state cases which the insured contractors sought defense and indemnity under their general liability policies concerning underlying construction defect claims.

Affiliations

- Texas Bar Foundation
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Christian Legal Society

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2023-2024, Listed in Texas for Commercial Litigation as “One to Watch”
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2024, Named to the “40 & Under” List
- *Super Lawyers Magazine* 2023-2024, Listed in Texas as a “Rising Star” for Insurance Coverage