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Elliot Strader has an exceptionally diverse litigation practice. Elliot has successfully represented clients in jury and bench trials, in addition to obtaining numerous summary judgments. He focuses on complex, high-stake matters including those involving COVID-19/Coronavirus, insurance coverage and bad faith, personal injury defense, complex business disputes, oil and gas, and government contracts.

Elliot also worked in-house with a large, privately held company, managing a diverse portfolio of litigation. Elliot's in-house experience gives him first-hand perspective and the ability to relate to corporate clients. Having been in the client role, Elliot inherently understands the importance of managing litigation risks and the various impacts litigation can have on the company's operations.

Notable Work

Breach of Contract/Bad Faith Litigation: Represented a global insurance company in a breach of contract and bad faith lawsuit where two claimants sought in excess of \$2.5 million in damages and attorneys' fees. The action arose from an underlying personal injury lawsuit against two companies brought by an employee of the insured for severe injuries he sustained while working on an offshore oil platform. Two of the companies sued the insurer, alleging breach of contract and bad faith claims for failure to defend and indemnify them as additional insureds under the policy against the personal injury claims. After moving for summary judgment, one company dismissed its claim against the insurer without any payment and the other settled for a de minimis amount.

Insurance Coverage Dispute: Represented a global insurance company in a complex environmental insurance coverage dispute involving the disposal of contaminated railroad crossties. Under Louisiana's direct action statute, two railroad companies sought reimbursement under the company's pollution policy after a formerly insured company filed for bankruptcy, leaving the railroads

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Insurance Litigation
PFAS Litigation and Regulatory Counseling

Education

J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, *cum laude*
M.A., Hardin-Simmons University, *summa cum laude*
B.A., Hardin-Simmons University, *cum laude*

Admissions

Bars

Texas

Courts

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, Southern District of Texas
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

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to bear the cost of remediating the company's contaminated property. The railroads sued to recover the more than \$1.5 million in remediation costs they had allegedly incurred and for bad faith. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment on the issue of coverage, but the trial court denied both parties' motions. On appeal, the court granted the client's motion for summary judgment and dismissed the railroad companies' claims in their entirety.

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in Texas for Insurance Law
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2025, Listed in Texas as a "Future Star" for Dispute Resolution