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Joel Mohrman is a trial attorney with more than 35 years of experience handling high stakes business litigation for public companies and privately held businesses. His practice includes healthcare matters, class actions, and intellectual property litigation. Joel is recognized by *Super Lawyers*, *Best Lawyers*, and *Managing Intellectual Property* for his intellectual property work.

Joel serves a nationwide client base, handling matters in 25 states, from Florida to California. He counsels clients in industries including healthcare, where he provides ongoing counsel to a Fortune 500 healthcare corporation, manufacturing, recreational boating, industrial equipment, sports, energy/chemicals, and commercial/municipal water treatment.

Joel focuses on accomplishing the client's goals from the first phone call. He has a reputation for early strategic planning, which delivers winning outcomes while staying on budget. He prides himself on quick, transparent communication, taking a "no surprises" approach with his clients. Joel actively manages cases to resolution to relieve clients of unnecessary oversight burdens, to stay within budget, and to meet client objectives.

Leading multiple legal teams in commercial litigation and intellectual property matters, Joel has tried more than 40 cases to verdict as first chair for Fortune 500 companies, businesses and individuals involving amounts up to multiple nine figures. He has litigated more than 100 trade secret and covenant not-to-compete cases.

Notable Work

Fortune 500 Hospital Company Representation: Obtained multi-million dollar settlement for the hospital in a contract dispute which was heavily litigated and in which we obtained summary judgment on the main issues prior to the settlement.

Areas of Experience

Litigation
 Appellate
 Class Action Defense
 Intellectual Property Litigation
 Energy and Infrastructure
 Healthcare Litigation

Education

J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
 B.A., Washington & Lee University

Admissions

Bars

Texas

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
 U.S. District Court, Southern 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 Michigan

Related Content

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America 2024 Guide*
 August 22, 2023

Akerman Grows Houston Office with Veteran Trial Lawyer Joel Mohrman and Andy Cao
 February 23, 2021

Leading Sporting Goods, Apparel, and Memorabilia Company: Representation in multiple products liability cases involving claims for multiple seven figure amounts.

Public Chemical Company: Obtained a trial verdict of \$6.8 million for a public chemical company in a case involving enforcement of a royalty agreement linked to a sale of assets and intellectual property.

Chemical Company and Manufacturer: Obtained dismissal on initial motions of three separate patent infringement cases within the last few years at minimal cost and with almost no discovery conducted. Obtained dismissal of litigation in Eastern District with no payment. Obtained dismissal in Eastern District with settlement far below other defendants' and at a fraction of original demand.

Public Oilfield Services Company and Affiliates: In cases ranging up to eight figure amounts, handled numerous trade secret and covenant not-to-compete cases successfully for these organizations, both at final trial and in injunction proceedings.

Major First Party Class Action Insurance Litigation: This litigation, which had claims in excess of \$500 million against most major insurers in the United States, involved approximately 50 different defense firms. Joel was selected as the lawyer among all these defense firms to argue the Motion to Dismiss for the defendants.

Defense of Corporate Energy Executives: Lead counsel for a defendant accused of negligently starting a fire that consumed 8,500 acres in the hill country with nine figure demands by a group of plaintiffs.

Major Litigation Involving Ownership of Refinery: Represented one of the former partners in a refinery in major litigation involving ownership of the refinery and claims of fraud involving eight figure amounts which stretched over a period of seven years and was successfully settled.

Major Financial Services Class Action Litigation: This litigation involved claims of between \$750 million and \$1 billion and was successfully resolved. Joel was the lead counsel for the largest savings and loan institution in the country. Joel handled all class certification and merits issues in this litigation.

Large Gas Explosion Case: Acted as outside counsel for a company defending a multiple death action case involving a natural gas explosion with eight-figure claims.

International Water Services Company: Handled covenant not-to-compete and trade secret litigation for the largest water services provider to municipalities in the world in Alabama and other states. This litigation included breach of fiduciary duty, theft of trade secrets, and related issues and involved multi-million dollar amounts. Obtained seven figure settlements of non-compete cases.

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
 - American Bar Association Foundation, Life Fellow
 - Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Former Council Member
 - Membership Committee, Former Chair, Current Member
 - TIPS Fellows, Former Chair, Life Member

- Business Litigation Committee for the for the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Former Chair and Current Vice Chair
- Intellectual Property Committee, Former Chair and Current Vice Chair
- Finance Committee, Former Member
- Annual Program Committee, Former Member
- Revenue Enhancement and Membership Committees, Member
- Litigation, Intellectual Property, and Law Practice Management Sections
- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member
- Houston Bar Association Litigation Committee, Member
- State Bar of Texas, Antitrust, Litigation, and Intellectual Property Committees, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow
- ESCAPE Family Resource Center, Former Board Member and Former President (twice), Leader of the Real Estate Task Force
- St. Luke's United Methodist Church; President of the Board; Board Member; Executive Committee Member of Personnel, Finance, and Building Committees; Sunday School Teacher; Lay Leader
- Mercury Orchestra; Former President, Board of Directors, Former Secretary
- Open Door Mission; Board Member, Executive Committee Member, Secretary

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2023-2024, Listed in Texas for Patent Law
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, Named an "IP Trade Mark Star" and an "IP Patent Star" in Texas, IP Handbook, 2013-2020
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2012, 2014-2020, Listed in Texas for Intellectual Property Litigation
- *American Lawyer Media* and Martindale Hubbell, Selected Top Rated Lawyer in Intellectual Property Law, 2014
- Board Certified, Civil Trial Advocacy, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Board Certified by the National Board of Civil Trial Advocacy
- Board Certified by the National Board of Civil Pretrial Advocacy