



Grant T. Thornhill

Partner

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Grant Thornhill, a partner based in the firm's Dallas office, has devoted his entire legal career to civil trial practice. Grant has litigated several hundred cases involving trucking and transportation, premises liability, complex torts, and general casualty. He currently serves as counsel for a multinational technology company in cases throughout Texas.

Grant's success as a litigator is primarily due to his proactivity, meticulousness, and pragmatism. Grant works diligently to promptly resolve cases as efficiently as possible. When cases cannot be efficiently resolved, he has the necessary knowledge and skills to bring cases to successful conclusion through dispositive motions or trial. Grant has first-chair trial experience and has served as a member of teams for jury trials with multimillion-dollar exposure.

Grant is a graduate of Baylor Law School, where he served as an Associate Editor of the Baylor Law Review. Grant is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Transportation

Grant is a member of the firm's Transportation Practice. Before joining Wilson Elser, Grant worked for several years at a regional Texas defense litigation firm, where he defended trucking companies in hundreds of cases throughout Texas. He has extensive experience with accident investigation and reconstruction, biomechanics, fleet safety standards, and federal and state regulations. Grant is also at the forefront of litigating emerging legal issues related to e-commerce and gig economy.

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Grant has experience defending lawsuits and claims against commercial property owners, commercial tenants, landowners, homeowners, hotels, apartment complexes, child-care facilities, churches, restaurants, and other businesses.

Services

- Commercial Contracts & Agreements
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Transportation

Education

- Baylor Law School (J.D., 2012)
 - Associate Editor, Baylor Law Review
 - Order of the Barristers
- Baylor University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2009)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- 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

Professional Affiliations

- Dallas Bar Association
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Representative Matters

Obtained summary judgment for a corporation after establishing it was not vicariously liable for company's president who was involved in severe collision with motorcyclist. Plaintiff appealed and the Second Court of Appeals, Fort Worth, Texas, affirmed the summary judgment.

Prevailed on a Rule 91a motion to dismiss wrongful death lawsuit against individual who was sued for alleged negligent entrustment of a firearm.

Prevailed on a Rule 91a motion to dismiss lawsuit against corporation that was sued for alleged negligent entrustment of a vehicle to a motorist who disregarded a stop sign and struck the plaintiff.

Obtained summary judgment for corporation where the plaintiff was burned by controlled brush fire on a lakeside property after proving that the corporation did not control that specific portion of the property at the time of the incident.

Obtained summary judgment for owner of apartment complex after establishing that it had no duty to prevent a criminal assault.

Obtained summary judgment for insurance company after establishing that underinsured motorist policy did not provide coverage for the insured's collision with a steel rod on the highway.

Obtained summary judgment for insurance company after establishing lack of coverage for specific benefits under the insured's automobile policy.

Obtained summary judgment for individual in defamation case after establishing that the plaintiff failed to comply with the Defamation Mitigation Act and that the statements were in regard to matters of public concern.

Obtained a judgment in favor of a child-care facility's employee in a contested administrative trial after proving that his emergency behavior intervention was not negligent.