

Ronald B. Hurdle, Esq.

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Thorough understanding of civil litigation and courtroom evidentiary procedures. Worked as an Associate Judge for Dallas County, conducting hearings in a diverse area of matters pending before the court. Accumulated 25+ years of civil litigation and insurance defense experience. In-depth understanding of the processes and procedures used by insurance companies in evaluating and settling claims.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Successful trial attorney with over 100+ jury trials

Managed in-house staff counsel litigation operations for three major insurance companies.

Extensive experience in Insurance litigation; conducted hundreds of depositions of witnesses and experts.

Facilitated, negotiated and participated in hundreds of mediations, resulting in trial cost savings.

Experience as residential Real Estate Broker while owning and operating a Century 21 Real Estate Franchise

Experience as Financial Investment Broker

Instructor at various levels of legal curriculums

WORK HISTORY

Burdin Mediations

Mediator/ Arbitrator

(October 2023 - Present)

THE LAW OFFICE OF RONALD B. HURDLE

Attorney at Law - Private Practice (June 2023 -Present)

ASSOCIATE CIVIL JUDGE

Dallas County (June 2022 - June 2023)

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Attorney at Law - Private Practice (July 9, 2018 - June 6, 2022)

General law practice in the areas of personal injury, family law and probate matters

LEGILITY

Contract Attorney (July 9, 2018 - June 6, 2022)

Review claims and insurance contracts for a major insurance company, providing coverage and claims exposure opinions.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS, COLLEGE OF LAW

Adjunct Professor (January 1, 2019 - Present)

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. Dallas, TX

Field Counsel (February 27, 2017 - July 6, 2018)

Managing all aspects of lawsuits filed against Liberty Mutual insured. This involved activities that included responding to the Original Petition, conducting legal analysis and evaluation, discovery, depositions, negotiation, mediation, and presenting cases before juries for final judgment at trial.

FRED LOYA INSURANCE CO. Dallas, TX

Senior Attorney (April 4, 2016 - February 22, 2017)

Managed the local Dallas Staff Counsel Office. Responsible for the legal office staff of three attorneys, five paralegals and three additional support personnel. Handled the overall management and litigation strategies of lawsuits filed against Fred Loya insureds.

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO. Dallas, TX
Contract Attorney (October 2015 – April 4, 2016)

Assisted Liberty Mutual attorneys in managing all aspects of lawsuits filed against Liberty Mutual insured. This involved activities that included responding to the Original Petition, conducting legal analysis and evaluation, discovery, depositions, negotiation, mediation, and presenting cases before juries for final judgment at trial.

COUNSEL ON CALL, Dallas, TX
Contract Attorney (August 26, 2015 – October 2015)

Performed various activities associated with settlement efforts for Walmart, Inc.

THE WILLIS LAW GROUP, Dallas, TX
Senior of Counsel (July 21, 2014 – August 26, 2015)

Responsible for business development, and representation of clients' litigation files, including personal lines automobile, general liability and subrogation claims.

THE HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY, Houston, TX
Senior Staff Attorney (July 10, 2012 – July 21, 2014)

Responsible for the overall management, litigation strategy and implementation of approximately 55 - 60 lawsuits filed against Hartford insures emanating out of motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, products liability, negligence and other torts. This involved managing all aspects of the lawsuit from responding with the Original Answer, through analysis and evaluation, discovery and deposition, negotiation, mediation and including final judgment at trial.

SPECIAL COUNSEL/COUNSEL ON CALL, Dallas, TX
Team Lead (October 17, 2011- July 10, 2012)

Supervised and directed document review team of 35 attorneys with personal injury and property damage lawsuits and general negligence claims involving a fortune 500 company.

NATIONWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY, Irving, TX
The Law Office of Ronald B. Hurdle - Trial Division
Managing Attorney (July 2008 – July 2011)

Managed a team of 5 trial attorneys and support staff, while maintaining a personal caseload of approximately 59 cases. Responsible for the overall management, litigation strategy and implementation of approximately 55 lawsuits filed against Hartford insures emanating out of motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, products liability, negligence and other torts. This involved managing all aspects of the lawsuit from responding with the Original Answer, through analysis and evaluation, discovery and deposition, negotiation, mediation and including final judgment at trial.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, Dallas, TX
G. Patrick Collins and Associates
Lead Counsel (February 1997- July 2008)

Promoted to Lead Counsel within 1 ½ years after joining firm, based upon successful trial results, and effective caseload management. Managed the day-to-day operations of the office, including ten attorneys, two paralegals, and three support personnel. Developed a uniquely close relationship with company claims personnel—resulting in significant litigation cost savings. Maximized the probability of winning favorable verdicts and settlement offers by leveraging collaborative efforts of the litigation team. Generated reports and memoranda to notify the client of all case developments, procedures, and recommendations—ensuring future client loyalty.

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

Extensive trial experience with in-house Insurance Staff Counsel Operations
Extensive experience in the investigation, analysis and determination of liability and damages issues
Developed and implemented the trial strategies necessary to achieve positive trial outcomes.
Drafted, presented and argued numerous motions before the courts.
Thorough working knowledge of all aspects of the litigation process

PRIOR NON-LEGAL WORK HISTORY

Sales and Marketing Management experience with Southwestern Bell, AT&T, Warner Amex Cable Communications (Comcast), Century 21 Real Estate, Drexel Burnham Investments and Bryan Worley Financial Investments.

MILITARY

Graduate of Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI
Served as Weapons Officer, USS Mount Baker (AE-34) and Discipline Officer, Naval Station, Charleston, SC
Honorable Discharge as Lt (O-3)

ADR TRAINING

Basic Mediation Training, ADRMediators, Inc.; Houston, Texas
Advanced Arbitration Skills; A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, University of Houston Law Center
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, International Workshop, Miami, Florida

EDUCATION

Master of Laws (LL.M), University of Houston Law Center
Juris Doctor (JD), Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Master of Management (MM), University of Dallas
Master of Business Administration (MBA), University of Dallas
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Texas Christian University

TEACHING/MENTORING/BOARD EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, University of North Texas at Dallas, College of Law - January 2019 - January 2021
Faculty Member - National Institute of Trial Advocacy, "Building Trial Skills" (2006 - 2011)
"The Art of Trial Skills"- National Institute of Trial Advocacy Teacher Training Program, University of San Francisco Law School - November 2006
Paralegal Studies - Southeastern Paralegal Institute (Kaplan College) 1998 - 2000
Civil Procedure - El Centro College, Dallas County Community College District - Spring Semester 1999
Substitute Faculty Member - Trial Advocacy Skills, SMU Dedman School of Law
L.A. Bedford Mentor - University of North Texas at Dallas, College of Law
Faculty - American Inns of Court Trial Advocacy program
Mentor - Mac Taylor Inns of Court
Board Member, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Alumni Board - January 2010 - Present

PUBLICATIONS

Completed LL.M. Dissertation, University of Houston Law Center - May 2001
"The Life and Times of Napoleon Bazley; The Effect (If Any) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on Texas' 17 & Up Execution Standard"

Walter Champion, Ronald B. Hurdle, The Life and Times of Napoleon Beazley: The Effect (If Any) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on Texas' 17 & Up Execution Standard, 28 Tex. So. U. L.Rev. no 1, (2002)

BAR ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Texas, U.S. District Courts - Southern and Northern Districts of Texas, National Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association - Prior Secretary-Treasurer; Prior Chairman Minority Participation Committee; Prior Co-Chair Bench Bar Conference, College of the State Bar of Texas, J.L. Turner Legal Association, Mac Taylor Inns of Court, Faculty Member - Southern Region, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), Prior Committee member for a Qualified Judiciary

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

“Insurance Defense and Litigation of Personal Injury Matters”

Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Civil CLE

August 2018

“The Personal Injury Case from Intake to Trial: The Plaintiff and Defense Perspective”

Dallas Bar Association - Minority Attorney Business Development Initiative

December 7, 2007, and March 28, 2008

“Effective Voire Dire”

J.L. Turner Legal Association

November 2010

“Effective Cross Examination Techniques”

J.L. Turner Legal Association

June 2013

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2018 “10 Best” Attorneys in Client Satisfaction, American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys.

2008 “Star” Award - Nationwide Insurance Company, Trial Division

2006 “31 Dynamic Lawyers” - Eclipse Magazine

1997, 1998, 1999 “Individual Service Award” - Allstate Insurance Company

1997, 2000 “Bronze Medal Award” - Allstate Insurance Company