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Kirk D. Willis is a highly respected trial attorney with extensive experience in product liability, construction, professional malpractice, and officer and director liability defense. He has successfully represented various clients, including boat manufacturers, crane and hoist companies, construction contractors, brokers, and both financial and nonprofit institutions in litigation across the nation.

He is board-certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Kirk has established himself as a prominent attorney known for his expertise in fraud prevention, investigation, and litigation counsel for major insurance companies and contractors. He has tried over 100 jury trials to verdict, solidifying his reputation as a leading trial lawyer in his defense practice, which encompasses construction litigation, commercial disputes, medical malpractice, employment litigation, and environmental litigation.

In addition to his litigation experience, Kirk is the author of two books: "Corporate Justice: Fight Back In the Court Room and Save Your Company" and "Intellectual Property Law in the Sports and Entertainment Industry." He has also shared his knowledge by conducting numerous seminars on topics such as Wrongful Death, Survival Claims, Ethical Considerations for Adjusters, Construction Contract Termination, Subcontractor Issues, Bad Faith, Jury Perceptions, and Appropriate Use of Expert Witnesses, among others. Kirk is a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent-

rated attorney and has been selected as a Texas Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters from 2003 to 2010 and again in 2014-2015.

This recognition is published in Texas Monthly as well as the Texas Super Lawyers magazine. Under Kirk's leadership as Managing Partner, his former firm was honored as the "Construction Law Firm of the Year in Texas" in 2010 and "Insurance & Reinsurance Law Firm of the Year in Texas" in 2011 by Corporate INTL magazine. He has also served as Section Head of the Civil Defense section of a major Texas litigation firm and was on the Executive Committee of a large statewide litigation firm with 250 attorneys.

Education

- J.D., Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, 1989
- B.A., Texas Southern University, Houston, 1986

Bar Admissions

- State Courts of Texas
- State Courts of Arkansas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. Supreme Court

Honors & Accolades

- Recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters as published in Texas Monthly magazine (2003 - 2010, 2014-2015).
- Recognized as a "Best Lawyer in Dallas" by D Magazine (2014 - 2016) as published in the magazine's May 2014, 2015, and 2016 issues.
- Insurance & Reinsurance Law Firm of the Year in Texas, 2011, Corporate INTL magazine.
- Construction Law Firm of 2010, Corporate INTL magazine.
- Martindale-Hubbell AV rated
- Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Personal Injury Law Advisory Commission of the State of Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Personal Injury Trial Law Paralegal Commission (Feb. 2005 – Feb. 2011)
- Certified Continuing Education Provider- Texas Department of Insurance (Current)

Community Involvement

- Defense Research Institute, Law in Transition Committee Member 2015 to Present
- Board of Directors of the “I Have a Dream" Foundation, Dallas, 2002-2012
- Board of Trustees of Episcopal School of Dallas, 2004-2007
- Board of Directors of the Tower Clubs of Dallas, 2004-2007