

Mark Hawkins

Mark Hawkins practices as a trial lawyer in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate litigation, and all aspects of construction law. A significant portion of Mark's work also involves work as general counsel for mixed-use developments and residential condominium regimes, such as Seaholm Residences Residential Condominium Community, Inc., The Independent Condominium Community, Inc., Fifth & West Residential Condominium Community, Inc., Block 188 Residential Condominium Community, Inc. (Austin Proper), Lakeway Marina Village Condominium Association, Inc., and 70 Rainey Residences Condominium Community, Inc., along with smaller commercial and residential associations. Mark is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® published by Woodward/White, Inc. (2012 – present) for his work in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Law. Mark has also been selected to the *Texas Super Lawyers*® published by Thompson Reuters (2016 – present) in Business Litigation, and is listed as a Top Attorney by Austin Monthly magazine (2019) in the categories of both Arbitration and Mediation, and Civil Law Litigation.

Also, after representing product manufacturers and energy companies for years, a large portion of Mark's docket includes representing plaintiffs in catastrophic personal injury cases throughout the State of Texas, including natural gas explosions, fire cases, products liability,

- **Representative Experience**

- Mark has tried dozens of lawsuits before juries, judges, and arbitrators for plaintiffs and defendants. Some of his representative lawsuits include the following:
- Successfully represented a national highway contractor in a joint venture dispute over a multi-billion dollar design-build toll road
- Defended military defense contracting company against claims by subcontractor involving design and installation of microwave communication system for US ally, obtaining arbitration award for client denying all of subcontractors claims
- Obtained a gross negligence jury verdict against Union Pacific Railroad for harm sustained by a pedestrian
- Defended a national highway contractor in a lawsuit by a fiber optic telecommunications company alleging damage to infrastructure during construction of a toll road in Harris County, obtaining jury verdict for client on all of plaintiff's claims
- Obtained a jury verdict and damages for a natural gas company against a contractor that damaged gas transmission infrastructure
- Successfully defended real estate developers in trials brought by adjoining landowners, contractors, and lenders (including matters involving the release of personal guaranties)
- Successfully tried numerous commercial tenant disputes (for both tenants and landlords), including billboard, office, and retail lease disputes
- Defended highway contractors, excavators, concrete companies, and both regional and national home building companies in numerous lawsuits and arbitration proceedings, including construction defect claims, earnest money disputes,

contractor payment disputes, mechanic's lien claims, and breach of contract claims

- **Professional/Community Involvement**

- *Texas Super Lawyers*® published by Thompson Reuters (2016) in Business Litigation
- *Best Lawyers in America* (2012 – present), Commercial Litigation and Real Estate Law
- Leadership Austin (2004)
- Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas
- Texas Bar Foundation Fellow
- Admirals Club of Austin
- Mobile Loaves and Fishes
- Alpha Prison Ministry
- Former Director, Salvage Vanguard Theatre