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Biography:

Chris Hamilton has established himself as one of the leading high-stakes trial lawyers in the United States. Hamilton has a recent track record of verdicts and settlements that is setting the mark in both the personal injury arena and in complex business disputes.

For example, in 2014, Hamilton was recognized by the *Dallas Business Journal* as having the largest jury verdict in Texas for a personal injury case and the 17th largest jury verdict in the United States. In 2016, Hamilton was recognized by Top Verdict as having the ninth largest personal injury verdict in Texas. Hamilton was recognized in 2011 by Verdict Search as having one of the top 10 verdicts in Texas and top 100 verdicts in the United States.

Hamilton's recent verdicts and successes include:

- Significant arbitration award for negligent misrepresentation in a commercial case involving the sale of a medical device company (2017)
- Substantial jury verdict in a case involving a wreck with a commercial 15-passenger van where the victim sustained an aggravation of a pre-existing torn hip cartilage (2017). Case was subject to a high-low settlement agreement
- Significant compensatory damages jury verdict in a medical malpractice case (2016)
- Large sum settlement in a False Claims Act case involving kickbacks claims against one of the largest medical device manufacturers in the world (2016). The successful settlement occurred after the Government had rejected and declined to intervene in the case
- Substantial compensatory damages jury verdict in a wrongful death case alleging premises liability for inadequate security against The McDonald's Corporation (2014)
- Confidential settlement in a breach of partnership and breach of fiduciary duty action relating to a partnership interest obtained in a high-profile divorce proceeding (2013)
- Confidential settlement in a high-profile section 1983 case against a school district where a disabled student was choked by a district employee (2013).
- Confidential settlement in trademark infringement case involving disgorgement of profits against a Fortune 500 company (2012)

- Favorable jury verdict on behalf of a real estate developer in an oil and gas dispute (2012)
- Confidential settlement in an international business dispute for a local company alleging fraudulent inducement claims relating to a patent involving the novel application of ink jet technologies (2012)
- Large sum jury verdict in a commercial dispute involving breach of partnership agreements, breach of fiduciary duties and fraud in an alternative energy transaction recognized as one of the top 10 verdicts in Texas and top 100 verdicts in the United States in 2011. Verdict resulted in a confidential settlement.
- Take nothing defense verdict on behalf of Dallas County in a case in which Hamilton was appointed by the Commissioners Court as a Special Deputy District Attorney to defend the county in a whistleblower case against a sitting judge alleging several million dollars in damages (2010)
- Significant jury verdict on an oral partnership agreement and for claims of fraud in a dispute over collegiate licensing agreements (2009). Verdict resulted in a confidential settlement
- Represented Southern Methodist University in the successful resolution of a land dispute regarding the George W. Bush Presidential Library (2009)

Hamilton's cases have been featured in Bloomberg, CNN, *Texas Lawyer*, *Dallas Business Journal*, *Law360*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *Texas Lawbook*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *The Austin-American Statesman*, various local television and print news affiliates across the United States, and a number of online publications.

Hamilton earned selection to *D Magazine's* Best Lawyers in Dallas list for 2017 based on his work for clients involved in catastrophic personal injury cases, product and medical liability claims, and he was selected to *D Magazine's* Best Lawyers in Dallas list for 2014 for his work in business litigation. He was selected to the Texas Super Lawyers listing by *Texas Monthly* (Thomson Reuters) in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. He has been repeatedly selected to the Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars listing by *Texas Monthly* (Thomson Reuters) in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. Hamilton is also a member of the Leader's Forum for the American Association for Justice.

Hamilton, a fluent Spanish speaker, is the president of the Lawyers for America Foundation and is a current member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. Hamilton has served as an adjunct professor of Trial Advocacy at Southern Methodist University, and is regularly invited to speak at universities and law schools throughout Texas regarding trial advocacy and entrepreneurship.

**Results of previous cases are not indicative or promissory of future case results*

Honors and Distinctions:

- *D Magazine's* Best Lawyer Dallas (2014)
- Named to Texas Super Lawyers listing by Thomson Reuters (2014 -2017)
- Named to Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars listing by Thomson Reuters (2010-2014)