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Practice Areas

- Aviation
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Tort Litigation
- Transportation and Trucking



Practice Emphasis

John M. Pease is a Shareholder and a member of the firm’s Tort Litigation Practice group. He is also in charge of the Cowles and Thompson Transportation and Trucking Litigation Practice. He began his legal practice at Cowles and Thompson, and for the past 30 years he has provided representation to clients in personal injury litigation, transportation, products liability, premises liability, oilfield injury, and other personal injury matters. He has also litigated commercial matters.

John has represented both national and Texas-based corporations and other entities in the state and federal courts of Texas. He has tried cases throughout the state, including Dallas, Tarrant, Harris, Bexar, Travis, El Paso, Wichita, Jefferson, Freestone, Henderson, Johnson, and Madison Counties. John has major claim trial experience, representing product manufacturers, transportation and trucking companies, oilfield entities, retailers, insurance companies, and child care centers, among others.

Representative Matters

- Take-nothing verdict in a wrongful death case against a gas company traffic accident with an 8-figure demand to the jury.
- Summary Judgment upheld in a construction accident/serious personal injury case.
- Successfully defended a personal injury aviation case in Federal Court over an alleged product defect.
- Obtained summary judgment defending an international insurer; ultimately upheld on appeal by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- Obtained defense verdict in a case against a business owner in wrongful death and personal injury automobile accident.
- Successfully prosecuted a case for an oil and gas client involving multiple indemnity agreements with respect to a well blowout, by obtaining a jury verdict awarding 100% of the client’s damages.
- Successfully defended a property management company from allegations of negligence resulting in a plaintiff’s death, affirmed in the Fort Worth Court of Appeals of the take-nothing judgment.
- Successfully defended a professional counselor from allegations of fraud and professional negligence by obtaining a take-nothing judgment in favor of the client at trial.
- Successfully defended an employee assault case in Travis County, Texas, on behalf of a petroleum company.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

John has written and lectured attorneys and clients on various subjects, including transportation industry defense, effective advocacy at hearings, written discovery, premises liability, preparation of settlement documentation and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA).

Education

- J.D., University of Texas at Austin School of Law, 1986
 - Board of Advocates
- B.A., *with honors*, University of Texas at Austin, 1983

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1986
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Transportation Industry Defense Association
- Dallas Association of Defense Counsel
- Dallas Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- International Association Defense Counsel
- Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing, Editorial Board
- Legal Services of North Texas, pro bono representation
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

Honors

- AV Peer Review (Pre-eminent), rated by Martindale Hubbell
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions, *Best Lawyers*®; selected for inclusion 2024-2025
- *Super Lawyers*®, Thomson Reuters *Super Lawyers*®; selected for inclusion 2004-2024
- *Best Lawyers in Dallas*® by *D Magazine*®, selected for inclusion 2013, 2018, 2020
- The Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court, Barrister