



Michael Connelly

As an active trial lawyer for over four decades, Michael Connelly has litigated scores of cases to juries and judges in various courts in Texas and other states. Mr. Connelly has extensive trial experience in a wide variety of areas and is well known for his work in commercial and environmental cases. The commercial cases include professional liability, tax shelters, breach of contract, tortious interference with contracts, international sales of goods, oil and gas disputes, and claims arising out of divestiture of corporate assets. The environmental cases include mass community suits, government cost recovery actions, contaminated property and sediments claims, and contribution suits. He has handled mass toxic tort cases which include workplace chemical exposure, asbestos, silicosis, and he has handled a number of catastrophic accident cases, including multiple fatalities, plant explosions and OSHA workplace investigations. Mr. Connelly has also had many years of experience in handling medical liability cases that include hospital, nursing and physical liability, medical staff issues, medical device and pharmaceutical claims. He currently focuses his practice on commercial litigation and mediation/arbitration.

Mr. Connelly has been extremely active in legal and charitable community activities as well, having been elected President of the Houston Bar Association for 2003–2004, following an extensive service commitment and long history of leadership positions in the Bar. He has also served as President and Chairman of the Houston Lawyer Referral Service, the Houston Volunteer Lawyer's Program, and the Dispute Resolution Center. Mr. Connelly was elected to the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors and served from 2004 – 2007. While on the State Board, he served as Chair of the Finance Committee for two years. Michael Connelly currently serves as Chairman of Insuralex, a global network of over 43 law firms with a special emphasis on insurance/reinsurance, insurance coverage, insurance defense, and litigation.

Special Certifications and Appointments

- Certificate for Mediation Training (University of Houston / A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center)
- Certificate for Commercial Arbitration (Domestic and International) (University of Houston / A. A. White Dispute Resolution Center)
- Commercial Litigation Panel Member, American Arbitration Association

Offices and Appointments

State Bar of Texas, 1969–Present:

- *Director*, State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, 2004–2007
- *Chairman*, State Bar of Texas Finance Committee, 2006–2007
- *Co-Chairman*, State Bar of Texas Finance Committee, 2005–2006
- *Co-Chairman*, State Bar of Texas Disaster Response Committee, 1992–1993

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Industrial Accidents, Catastrophic Releases, and Emergency Response
- Environmental Litigation, Contribution, and Cost Recovery
- Professional Liability
- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Healthcare, Medical, and Pharmaceutical Litigation
- Insurance

Contact Information

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Education

J.D. Emory University, 1969
B.A., Stanford University, 1966

Admissions

Texas State Courts

U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Eastern District of Texas

Northern District of Texas

Southern District of Texas

Western District of Texas

U.S. Supreme Court

- State Bar of Texas Administration Justice Committee, 1990–1991
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Litigation Section
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Environmental Section
- *Speaker*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Institute
- Texas Bar Foundation, Sustaining Life Fellow

Houston Bar Association:

- *Immediate Past President*, Houston Bar Association, 2004–2005
- *President*, Houston Bar Association, 2003–2004
- *President-Elect*, Houston Bar Association 2002–2003
- *Second Vice-President*, Houston Bar Association 2001–2002
- *Treasurer*, Houston Bar Association, 1999–2000
- *Director*, Houston Bar Association Board of Directors, 1995–1999
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American Bar Association

- American Bar Association of Tort and Insurance Practice Section, 1969–1992, 1995–2009
- *Chairman*, American Bar Association Medicine and Law Committee, 1981–1983
- American Bar Association Litigation Section, 1975–1992, 1995–2009

International Association of Defense Counsel, 1981–present:

- *Secretary/Treasurer*, 2008–2011
- *Secretary/Treasurer Elect*, 2007–2008
- *Chairman*, National Membership Committee, 2005–2007
- *Chairman*, Texas State Membership Committee
- Toxic and Hazardous Waste Substances Committee
- Drugs and Medical Device Committee
- Business Litigation Committee
- *Faculty*, Trial Academy, 1987
- Foundation of the International Association of Defense Counsel Board of Directors, 1993–2006
- *Secretary/Treasurer*, Foundation of the International Association of Defense Counsel, 1999–2003, 2005–2006

Insuralex

- *Chairman*, Insuralex, 2014–2016
- *Vice-Chairman*, Insuralex, 2012–2014
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American Board of Trial Advocates, 1987–2013.

Association of Attorney-Mediators, 2016 – present.

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EDUCATION:

LEGAL: Emory University
Doctor of Jurisprudence – 1969

UNDERGRADUATE: Stanford University
Bachelor of Arts – 1966

EMPLOYMENT:

Legal: The Michael Connelly Law Firm, P.C.
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June 2015 to Present

Connelly * Baker * Wotring, LLP
700 JPMorgan Case Tower
600 Travis Street
Houston, Texas 77002
Founding Partner – October 2001 – June 2015

Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton, L.L.P.
Founding Partner – 1982 – 2001

Butler, Binion, Rice, Cook & Knapp, L.L.P.
Associate - 1969 – 1975
Partner – 1975 – 1982

PROFESSIONAL

PRACTICE:

Engaged in the practice of general civil litigation, mediation and arbitration.

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American Board of Trial Advocates, 1987–present

COURTS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

All Courts in the State of Texas
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
United States court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
The Supreme Court of the United States

Pro Hac Vice Admissions:

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

United States District Court for the Southern District of Minnesota

United States District Court for the Southern District of Arizona

United States District Court for the Southern District of Nevada

United States District Court for the District of Nebraska

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

State Court in Louisiana

State Court in Wyoming

State Court in Minnesota

State Court in Arizona

State Court in New Mexico

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Selected as Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly, 2005 - 2015