

Matthew E. Coveler

Experience

- 2024 to Present **Law Office of Matthew E. Coveler, PLLC** | Owner
Trial lawyer, arbitration counsel, and appellate advocate in proceedings across the country, with a focus on commercial disputes and tort liability actions.
Currently serves as lead counsel on matters for a global chemicals company and a mission-critical communications company.
- 2012 to 2023 **Weinstein Tippetts & Little** | Partner
First chair lawsuit, arbitration, and appellate advocate on behalf of both defendants and plaintiffs
- 2007 to 2012 **Hogan & Hogan** | Partner
First chair lawsuit, arbitration, and appellate advocate on behalf of both defendants and plaintiffs
- 2003 to 2007 **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman** | Senior Associate
Litigation and arbitration team
- 1999 to 2003 **Fulbright & Jaworski** | Associate
Litigation and arbitration team

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1999

B.A., Northwestern University, 1996

Other

Admitted to practice in Texas; the U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Third Circuits; the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas; and the U.S. District Court for Colorado.

Texas State Bar Committee Member, PATTERN JURY CHARGES – GENERAL NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL PERSONAL TORTS & WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

Peer Rated “AV Preeminent®” by Martindale-Hubbell®

Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow

Nationally certified instructor for Porsche High Performance Driver Education

Representative Trial and Arbitration Matters

- Successfully defended international chemicals client as trial counsel against claim by railroad for \$60 million in excess payments for the lease of railcar storage adjacent to the client's refinery.
- Successfully prosecuted \$15 million breach of contract claim as trial and appellate counsel on behalf of international supplier of line pipe against non-paying purchaser claiming rescission, repudiation, and waiver under the UCC.
- Achieved favorable settlement on behalf of automotive brake component supplier suing its international sub-component supplier for breaching its contract and providing out-of-specification parts.
- Achieved favorable settlement on behalf of industrial crane and rigging company sued for contractual indemnity by its oil refinery contractor customer.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of vehicle airbag supplier defendant in brain damage injury matter: *Mills v. FCA US, LLC*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-01891-MSK-STV, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 169754 (D. Colo. 2021).
- Represented communications company in defense of multiple wrongful death claims arising out of the Southwest Inn fire in Houston, Texas, including removal to federal court: *Bebee v. Motorola Sols., Inc.*, No. 4:16-CV-763, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47198 (S.D. Tex. 2017).
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of vehicle electronic stability control supplier defendant in spinal damage injury matter: *Pertile v. GM, Ltd. Liab. Co.*, Civil Action No. 15-cv-0518-WJM-NYW, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 150463 (D. Colo. 2017).
- Obtained dismissal of automotive component part supplier based on lack of personal jurisdiction: *Tarver v. Ford Motor Co.*, No. CIV-16-548-D, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 167363 (W.D. Okla. 2016).
- Obtained arbitration award on behalf of industrial gas company seeking payment for the multi-hundred-million-dollar hydrogen plant it constructed at a major oil and gas refinery in California.
- Successfully defended luxury condominium developer against claims by condominium owners for construction defects.
- Obtained arbitration award on behalf of hazardous-waste disposal well company claiming fraud against general contractor for national nuclear laboratory.

Representative Appellate Matters

- *Halum v. ZF Passive Safety Sys. US Inc.*, No. 4D21-3217, 2023 Fla. App. LEXIS 2121 (Fla. 4th DCA March 29, 2023) (addressing Florida statute of repose).
- *Theis v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, No. 03-16- 00266-CV, 2017 Tex. App. LEXIS 10336 (Tex. App.—Austin Nov. 3, 2017, no pet.) (addressing exclusion of plaintiff’s tire expert’s testimony as unreliable and no evidence).
- *In re Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, No. 04-16- 00590-CV, 2017 Tex. App. LEXIS 3676 (Tex. App.—San Antonio April 26, 2017, orig. proceeding) and *In re Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 437 S.W.3d 923 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2014, orig. proceeding) (addressing demands for tire plant inspection).
- *Lee v. Wal-Mart*, No. 11-14- 00078-CV, 2016 Tex. App. LEXIS 2805 (Tex. App. Eastland March 17, 2016, no pet.) (addressing summary judgment and sanction for plaintiffs’ failure to timely disclose expert).
- *Abdullatif v. Erpile, LLC*, 460 S.W.3d 685 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2015, no pet.) (addressing subject matter jurisdiction of county court at law).
- *Westside Wrecker Serv., Inc. v. Skafi*, 361 S.W.3d 153 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2011, pet. denied) (addressing statute of frauds and partnership formation issues).
- *Tratree v. BP N. Am. Pipelines, Inc.*, No. 09-20472, 2010 U.S. App. LEXIS 16932, 390 Fed. Appx. 386 (5th Cir. Aug. 12, 2010) (addressing Title VII race discrimination and Age Discrimination in Employment Act claims).
- *Stanford Dev. Corp. v. Stanford Condo. Owners Ass’n*, 285 S.W.3d 45 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2009, no pet.) (addressing enforceability of arbitration provision).
- *MBM Fin. Corp. v. Woodlands Operating Co., L.P.*, 292 S.W.3d 660 (Tex. 2009) (addressing recoverability of attorneys’ fees).
- *Kehm Oil Co. v. Texaco, Inc.*, 537 F.3d 290 (3d Cir. 2008) (addressing Petroleum Marketing Practices Act claims and personal jurisdiction issues).
- *TRW Auto. U.S. LLC v. Papandopoulos*, 949 So. 2d 297 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 4th Dist. 2007) (addressing *forum non conveniens* issues).