

Brittany C. Cooperrider

Senior Counsel

PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Construction; Litigation

EDUCATION:

J.D., Baylor University School of Law, 2013
National Civil Trial Competition Mock Trial Team
Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society, Barrister Officer
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Wittenberg University, 2010

ADMITTED:

State Bar of Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court, Southern, Eastern and
Western Districts of Texas



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Profile:

Brittany's practice focuses on construction law, litigation, and alternative dispute resolution. She represents general contractors, subcontractors, and small and mid-sized companies in a variety of construction and business related disputes.

Prior to joining the firm, Brittany worked for a civil litigation boutique, the Attorney General of Texas, and The Office of the Attorney General in Washington, D.C.

Professional Recognition:

The Best Lawyers in America® by Woodward/White Inc. "Ones to Watch" in Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, and Litigation – Real Estate; 2021
"Texas Rising Star," *Texas Monthly*, 2021

Affiliations:

Houston Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Litigation Section
State Bar of Texas
Houston Young Lawyers Association
Houston Young Lawyers Foundation

Representative Experience:

- Obtained favorable arbitration award for a mechanical contractor pursuing multi-million dollar claims against multi-national corporation
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a real estate broker in a misrepresentation and Deceptive Trade Practices Act case
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of general contractor in breach of contract dispute with subcontractor
- Defended a custom-residential home builder against multiple construction defect claims and lawsuits
- Defended an improvement district against a multi-million dollar construction delay claim
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a broker in a dispute about homeowner's association regulations
- Defended a general contractor against multiple lawsuits related to the construction of educational facilities
- Prosecuted a breach of fiduciary duty and breach of non-competition agreement case on behalf of a mechanical contracting company

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Representative Experience (Cont'd)

- Represented an oilfield services company in a fatality OSHA investigation and later litigation related to the construction and maintenance of pipelines
- Defended a mechanical contracting company from a multi-million dollar lawsuit related to defects in the manufacturing and installation of refrigerant tubing
- Litigated a construction defect claim brought against a masonry subcontractor by a school district
- Assisted a mechanical contracting company with preparation of a comprehensive employee handbook
- Represented a mechanical contracting company in numerous employment matters, including claims of age discrimination and retaliation
- Defended a multi-million dollar lawsuit against a mechanical contracting company for damage caused by a natural disaster and construction defects
- Represented a subcontractor in a multi-party construction case concerning construction defects in a water treatment plant
- Prosecuted a fraud and tortious interference claim against a mechanical contracting company's former employees
- Defended a vendor against product liability claims brought by a national homebuilder
- Assisted a mechanical contracting company with preparation of a master subcontract agreement for use with lower tier subcontractors and vendors
- Defended a subcontractor in a multi-party construction case regarding defective construction of a large parking complex

Speeches and Publications:

"Don't Let the Ice Result in Liquid(ated) Damages," AM Monthly Law Alert, February 2020

"Payment Plans in a Pandemic," AM Monthly Law Alert, June 2020

"Managing Litigation Delays During the COVID-19 Emergency," AM Law Alert, March 2020

(Co-Author) "Default on Mega Projects – Pathways Forward When Termination is Not a Realistic Option," CLE Presentation for Construction Law Section Board-Certified Lawyers, December 2019

"TEA Takeover of HISD May Bring Changes in 2020," AM Monthly Law Alert, November 2019

"Changes at the Harris County District Clerk's Office May Save Litigants Time and Money," AM Monthly Law Alert, August 2019

"No Lien Law Overhaul this Legislative Session," AM Monthly Law Alert, May 2019

(Contributing Author) Recent Court Opinions Concerning Construction Law, *The Change Order*, State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section, March 2019

"Hurricane Harvey and the Case of a Crowded Courthouse," AM Monthly Law Alert, August 2018

"Strategies for Initial Phases of a Dispute," ABC Young Leaders Panelist, June 2018

"Are They Really a Summer Intern or an Employee?" AM Monthly Law Alert, May 2018

"Specify Methods of Appointing Arbitrators," AM Monthly Law Alert, January 2018