

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; Since 2021

The Best Lawyers in America ® - Texas Edition 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

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Representative Experience (Cont'd)

- Prosecuted a breach of fiduciary duty and breach of non-competition agreement case on behalf of a mechanical contracting company
- 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 2021
- "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