

Brittany C. Cooperrider

Senior Associate

PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Construction; Labor and Employment; 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, alternative dispute resolution and labor and employment matters. She represents general contractors, subcontractors, and small and mid-sized companies in a variety of construction and employment related disputes and also provides guidance in their labor and employment needs.

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.

Representative Experience:

- 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
- Prosecuted mechanical contractor's multi-million dollar claims against Multi-national Corporation from initial filing through multi-week arbitration.
- 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
- 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

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Representative Experience (Cont'd)

- Mediated 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

Affiliations:

Houston Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Labor and Employment Section
State Bar of Texas
Houston Young Lawyers Association
Houston Young Lawyers Foundation

Speeches and Publications:

"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
"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