

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 and Western Districts of Texas



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Profile:

Brittany's practice focuses on construction law, 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
- 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
- Mediated a multi-million dollar lawsuit against a mechanical contracting company for damage caused by a natural disaster and construction defects

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Representative Experience (Cont'd)

- 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:

"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