

John G. Williamson

Senior Associate

PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Construction; Real Estate Litigation

EDUCATION:

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Houston Law Center, 2021

M.P.A., University of North Carolina, 2021

B.S., Rice University, 2016

Varsity Baseball, Conference USA Academic Honor Roll

ADMITTED:

State Bar of Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas



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Profile:

John Williamson focuses his practice on business litigation, construction litigation, and real estate litigation. He represents a variety of clients in matters related to contractual disputes, lease disputes, mechanic's liens, fiduciary duty violations, fraud claims, and business separations.

John has extensive experience in negotiation, litigation, mediation, arbitration, and handling matters in both state and federal courts.

After graduating from Rice University, where he played Division 1 baseball, John was drafted as a relief pitcher by the Chicago Cubs. Following his baseball career, he attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina, and law school at the University of Houston, where he also worked as an advisor to coaches and athletes in Houston's Athletics Compliance Department. Today, he remains active in the sport of baseball by coaching a 14U select baseball team.

Notably, John has distinguished himself by scoring in the top 1% of test takers on the Texas Bar Exam and passing the Major League Baseball Agent Exam. He was also a plaintiff in the landmark case *Senne v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball*, which resulted in a \$185 million settlement for minor league players over wage violations.

Affiliations:

State Bar of Texas, Construction Law Section
Houston Bar Association, Construction Law Section

Representative Experience:

- Represented nationally chartered bank on appeal in a case involving the characterization of a \$50 million estate and obtained a favorable outcome for the client.
- Successfully drafted and argued a motion to set aside a \$23 million personal judgment against an individual guarantor in a healthcare facility financing dispute after being retained post-judgment
- Represented client in the non-judicial foreclosure and recovery of real property and equipment collateral valued at over \$10 million including representation during subsequent deficiency judgment litigation
- Authored a winning Motion for Summary Judgment that resulted in complete dismissal of a \$1 million breach of contract claim involving a complex health reinsurance dispute in the Southern District of Texas

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Recent Speeches and Publications (Cont'd)

- Obtained summary judgment for a small business client who was defrauded in a real estate transaction resulting in \$200k damages plus attorneys' fees
- Obtained dismissal of a \$148k mechanic's lien wrongfully filed against a commercial property, securing removal of the lien and recovery of all attorneys' fees associated with removal
- Secured a Temporary Restraining Order and Temporary Injunction against a financial lender and third-party purchaser of real property following an improper foreclosure and attempted eviction, resulting in rescission of the sale and reinstatement of the original loan effectively awarding the client with \$140k of lost equity in their family home
- Obtained summary judgment for \$100k on behalf of a healthcare provider in a breach of contract case against a general contractor who misappropriated a construction deposit resulting in an award of the return of the deposit, consequential damages, and attorney's fees totaling nearly double the client's deposit
- Obtained summary judgment for \$75k for a computer manufacturing company against an equipment supplier for breach of contract and violation of the DTPA resulting in an award for the client totaling three times its actual damages plus attorney's fees
- Represented client in connection with construction contract and obtained agreement for client to be paid the entirety of his actual damages and attorneys' fees
- Successfully negotiated termination of "non-terminable" "auto-renewal" contract by preparing a comprehensive letter brief to opposing counsel applying case law on deceptive trade practices to the situation, saving the client from recurring payment penalties
- Obtained summary judgment for commercial landlord on breach of contract and breach of guaranty resulting in an award for the client for its actual damages plus attorney's fees
- Represented alternative financing company facing fraud claims, garnishment, and temporary restraining order, and obtained denial of temporary restraining order, dissolution of all pre-judgment writs of garnishment, and transfer of remaining claims to arbitration
- Represented nationally chartered bank at trial in fraud case and obtained favorable result for client
- Represented commercial services vendor in arbitration against apartment complex and obtained settlement for full amount owed plus attorney's fees
- Represented commercial landlord in breach of contract case against tenant and obtained favorable settlement before trial
- Represented local restaurant facing a six-figure lawsuit from a supplier and secured a favorable settlement for the client based on the presentation of client's counterclaims
- Negotiated and secured a favorable settlement pre-litigation, including actual damages client's attorney's fees, related to engine damage sustained to client's vehicle caused by an automobile repair shop's negligence
- Represented commercial property owner facing a suit by municipality for demolition of property and imposition of fines and secured a dismissal of the suit with no assessment of fines
- Recovered and collected judgment for turf installation company pursuing a breach of contract claim
- Obtained, and collected on, a favorable judgment for a litigation client, arising out of a breach of contract claim
- Obtained a favorable judgment for a litigation client, arising out of a breach of contract and suit on sworn account claim
- Obtained summary judgment for a litigation client, arising out of a personal injury claim