

## Matthew S. Cire

### Associate

#### PRACTICE EMPHASIS:

Litigation; Construction; Real Estate

#### EDUCATION:

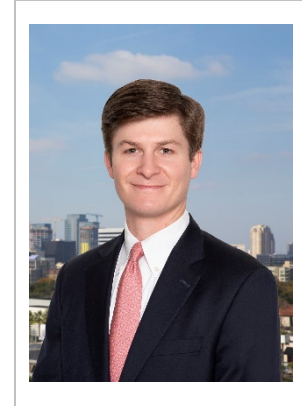
J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2014  
Officer, South Texas Board of Advocates;  
Articles Editor, *Texas Journal of Business Law*  
B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2010

#### ADMITTED:

State Bar of Texas

#### COURT ADMISSIONS:

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



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### Profile:

Matthew Cire's practice focuses primarily on real estate and construction matters, as well as various commercial litigation issues. In his real estate practice, Matthew has handled numerous cases involving landlord-tenant disputes, quality assurance and fair housing claims for owners, property managers and developers. In the construction context, he has represented general contractors, subcontractors, owners, developers and suppliers in cases involving performance and payment bonds, breach of contract disputes, and collections matters through litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

Prior to joining Andrews Myers, Matthew practiced commercial litigation with a boutique business litigation firm in Houston, Texas. Matthew also served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Lynn N. Hughes in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

### Representative Experience:

- Successfully defended real estate developer against engineering firm's constitutional lien claim, resulting in court awarded motion to dismiss, compensation of attorneys' fees and removal of the lien
- Represented national multifamily management company in a lawsuit involving various breach of contract violations, which resulted in a unanimous jury verdict
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of purchaser of a multifamily apartment complex community in a lawsuit involving seller's refusal to pay ad valorem taxes
- Defended national multifamily owners and management companies against a non-profit in several disputes filed before the Texas Workforce Commission, which resulted in dismissal of all complaints after successfully arguing non-profit lacked standing
- Successfully represented national multifamily management company in an administrative action against a city water utility for reimbursement of improper overcharges for water usage
- Successfully represented national owners and management companies in bench trials and jury trials across Texas involving residential and commercial disputes
- Defended national owners and management companies in numerous residential and commercial lawsuits involving breach of contract claims, business related tort claims, DTPA claims and discrimination lawsuits
- Represented local construction company in Texas state court involving breach of contract claims and construction defect claims
- Represented utility subcontractor in settlement of claims against homebuilder for unpaid fees in connection with the installation of residential drainage and utility systems

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**Speeches and Publications:**

"Understanding Mineral Liens," AM Monthly Law Alert, October 2019  
"Texas Lien Law & Collections," North Texas Roofing Contractors Association, Dallas, Texas, October 2019  
Mock Trial educational seminar, Associated Builders and Contractors Leadership Forum, April 2019  
(Contributing Author) Recent Court Opinions Concerning Construction Law, *The Change Order*, State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section, March 2019  
"Leasing 101," Houston Apartment Association, 2016-2018  
"Certified Apartment Manager Legal Responsibility," Houston Apartment Association Seminar, 2017  
Mock Trial educational seminar, Houston Apartment Association, 2017

**Professional Recognition:**

"Texas Rising Star," as presented by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters Business, in *Texas Monthly*, 2020  
Recognized as a "Top Lawyer" by *Houstonia* magazine, January 2020

**Affiliations:**

Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), Houston Chapter  
Houston Apartment Association  
National Apartment Association  
Houston Business Realty Coalition  
Urban Land Institute  
State Bar of Texas  
Houston Bar Association, Real Estate and Construction Sections  
American Bar Association  
Houston Young Lawyers Association

**Pro Bono Activities:**

St. Francis Episcopal Day School Alumni Board Member