

John G. Williamson

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 construction disputes, real estate litigation and insurance claims. He represents clients in matters such as breach of contract, construction defects, contract termination, mechanic's liens, landlord disputes, fiduciary duty violations, and business separations.

John has extensive experience in negotiation, litigation, mediation and arbitration, handling matters in state federal courts, federal claims proceedings, and administrative hearings.

After graduating from Rice University, where he played Division 1 baseball, John spent three seasons as a relief pitcher in the Chicago Cubs' minor league system. Following his baseball career, he attended law school at the University of Houston, where he also worked as an advisor to coaches and athletes in the University's Athletics Compliance Department. Today, he remains active in the sport 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:

- Trial counsel for commercial property owner alleging fraud and deceptive trade practices against real estate brokerage related to unauthorized acts and omissions
- Trial counsel for a commercial property owner facing fraud and related causes of action related to a purchase and sale agreement
- Representing a commercial property purchaser against seller alleging fraud in the real estate context and trespass to try title
- Representing a tax software company alleging tortious interference and related claims against a competitor
- Outside counsel for residential roofing company providing advisory services related to collections and construction defect issues

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Recent Speeches and Publications (Cont'd)

- Obtained summary judgment 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 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
- 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 nationally-chartered bank on appeal in a case involving the characterization of a \$50 million estate and obtained a favorable outcome for the 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 counter-claims
- 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