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Deke’s approach the litigation process is a collaborative effort with clients through day-to-day diligence, continual communication, and thorough preparation.

His practice is devoted primarily to construction law, professional liability for design professionals and attorneys, premises liability, and commercial litigation. Deke offers arbitration and mediation services in these areas.

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Areas of Practice

- Business Litigation
- Construction
- Professional Liability
- Premises Liability



RISING STARS 2017

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Representative Experience

- Defense of contractors and subcontractors in construction defect claims on public and private projects
- Defense of Architects and Engineers in multi-party construction litigation
- Defense of attorneys in professional liability litigation, including closing attorneys and litigation attorneys
- Obtained dismissal of a property owner and general contractor from a construction site injury where the Plaintiff alleged over \$400,000 in damages based on our summary judgment motions; the case settled at mediation without any contribution from our clients
- Defended a steel manufacturer and installer against claims totaling over \$43 Million regarding damages suffered at a hospital during a hurricane; obtained a successful dismissal based on our summary judgment motion
- Obtained early dismissal of claims against civil engineer related to the design of city roads, based on failure of Plaintiff to obtain the requisite Certificate of Merit
- Negotiated remediation to a police department for mold and water penetration on behalf of architect’s (client) alleged design error in designing the exterior envelope and limited claimant’s damages against the client to below cost of repair based on Plaintiff’s initial demand over \$10 million
- Obtained early, voluntary dismissal of claims against a fire sprinkler subcontractor in a construction defect matter based on our summary judgment motion related to damages involving a water leak at a condominium
- Obtained early, voluntary dismissal of claims against a fire sprinkler subcontractor in a construction defect matter based on our summary judgment motion related to damages involving a water leak in an apartment building

- Negotiated remediation to an apartment complex for water penetration on behalf of general contractor's alleged construction defects in constructing the balconies and limited claimant's damages against the client to below cost of repair by obtaining indemnity and defense from the subcontractors
- Negotiated remediation to a bank headquarters for water penetration on behalf of exterior component manufacturer's alleged manufacturing defects in producing the balcony railing and limited claimant's damages against the client to below cost of repair
- Represented civil engineer over dispute related to the allegedly negligent design of an accessible city walkway that led to a citizen injuring herself; negotiated settlement based on nuisance value

Professional Affiliations

Dallas Bar Association

State Bar of Texas

Member, Construction Law Section

Education/Professional Background

Tulane University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2004

Tulane University School of Law, Sports Law Certificate, 2004

Bachelor of Science in Biology from Trinity University, 1999

Honors and Recognition

Named a Texas Rising Star, Construction Litigation by *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics*
2012, 2014– 2017

Selected Publications and Presentations

Overview of Design Professional Law and Risk Management, 2014–2016

Overview of Construction Law and Risk Management for Subcontractors, 2014–2016

Construction/Real Property Defense and Damage Analysis, 2013–2014

Analysis of Venue Favorability and Practical Tips on Venue Selection and Options to Limit Liability in Unfavorable Venues, Co-Author, 2012

Professional Liability - Design Professionals: Texas Certificate of Merit Analysis, 2012

Civic and Volunteerism

Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program

NFL and NCAA, special events volunteer

Admitted to Practice

Texas, 2004

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas