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Andrew Hepworth is an attorney in Cozen O'Connor's Commercial Litigation Department and began his practice in the firm's Dallas office. His practice focuses on the defense of companies, individuals, and corporate clients facing a variety of claims based in transportation, premises liability, personal injury, dram shop liability, construction defect, wrongful death, and property damage in both state and federal courts. As a litigator, Andrew has proven effective in mediations, hearings, taking/defending fact and expert depositions, and evaluating and investigating pre-suit claims, always keeping his client's objectives at the forefront of his advocacy.

When necessary, Andrew champions his clients' positions at trial or arbitration, in front of judges, juries, and arbitration panels, endeavoring to arrive at the most favorable outcome possible. He has tried a handful of jury cases and bench trials to verdict in multiple jurisdictions. In 2013, Andrew, as lead counsel, obtained a complete defense verdict in a weeklong FINRA arbitration, representing a broker in a suit wherein the plaintiffs sought \$8,000,000 in damages. Not only has Andrew found success advocating in the courtroom and before arbitration panels, his motions practice regularly terminates cases ever before the parties reach the courthouse. Recently, Andrew secured complete dismissals of cases against his clients.

His experience broadens beyond litigation with Andrew acting as an adviser to companies whose employees or corporate practices are the subject of investigations conducted by state and federal regulatory agencies. In this capacity, he regularly counsels clients on their business activities and daily practices.

Andrew earned his law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law, *magna cum laude*, and his undergraduate degree from Texas Christian University, *magna cum laude*.

Experience

Obtained traditional and no-evidence summary judgment on behalf of motorcycle dealer in a personal injury case involving a motorcycle accident.

Secured dismissal of a malicious civil prosecution lawsuit filed against our insurance company client in the 68th District Court for Dallas County. The plaintiff sued our client for malicious prosecution when it did not dismiss an underlying suit against him immediately upon his demand. We filed a motion to dismiss on the basis that the plaintiff had not alleged the required "special injury" and that the malice regarding an underlying civil suit must be in the commencement, not in the continuation, of the lawsuit. We amended the motion to address the plaintiff's subsequent bare allegations of special injury and malice in the commencement, and the plaintiff then filed a Notice of Nonsuit with Prejudice, ending the case.

Won a no-evidence motion for summary judgment, and secured a complete dismissal of all claims, in an action in which the plaintiff and co-defendant alleged that our client, the owner and operator of a pub, was liable under the Texas Dram Shop Act for injuries the plaintiff and co-defendant claimed to have sustained during a physical altercation.

Won summary judgment on behalf of an In-Prison Therapeutic Community ("IPTC"), and defeated the

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Transportation & Logistics Litigation

Industry Sectors

- Cannabis
- Hospitality

Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010
- Texas Christian University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2006

Bar Admissions

- Texas
- Colorado

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Maryland
- U.S. District Court -- Colorado

Affiliations

Dallas Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Best Lawyers in America "Ones to Watch" 2023-2025

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plaintiff's attempt to secure reversal on appeal. As a condition of his parole, the plaintiff/appellant was required to receive professional drug treatment at an IPTC at the Kyle Correctional Center. The plaintiff/appellant refused treatment and brought suit against the IPTC. The trial court granted Andrew's No-Evidence Motion for Summary Judgment, and the Court of Appeals of Texas, Austin Division, affirmed the dismissal. Jackson v. Morrison, No. 03-14-00419-CV, 2015 WL 4195578 (Tex. App.—Austin, July 8, 2015, no pet.).

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