



Representative Legal Matters

C. Thomas Kruse

- Acted as lead trial counsel in a Texas Court in Houston and obtained a jury verdict after a six-week trial with actual damages of USD 72 million in a judgment awarded in favor of his client, the Plaintiff, a publicly-traded corporation, for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and conspiracy, in an oilfield kickback scheme involving hundreds of millions in international transactions.
- Handled as lead appellate counsel a mandamus proceeding in commercial litigation to the Texas Court of Appeals involving fraud and fiduciary duty claims and the assertion of Fifth Amendment privilege over thousands of records; with the appellate court ruling in favor of the client, an international oilfield supply and services company.
- Worked as co-lead trial counsel defending an alternative energy company in a supply contract lawsuit involving breach of contract, warranty, and quality claims for component parts for energy electric power fuel cells, with claim alleging over USD 20 million in damages in the U.S. District Court. The case settled successfully immediately prior to the trial.
- Successfully defended, as lead trial counsel, a lawsuit against an international engineering firm for over USD 33 million in damages over the design and engineering of a petrochemical plant. The case was dismissed with no payment by his client after a year of investigations and litigation.
- Defended and obtained a dismissal of claims by the US Department of Justice for over USD 42 million, in fines and penalties, over cross-border matters against a major automobile manufacturer involving a plant in Mexico. The DOJ dismissed and nonsuited all claims after motions, discovery and depositions.
- Worked as lead counsel prosecuting a claim for a major international engineering firm as claimant in an arbitration before the American Arbitration Association in Houston, Texas, for over USD 50 million in damages under a contract against the owners of a petrochemical plant in Texas. After discovery and motions, the case was settled favorably for his client before trial.
- Defended a major international energy firm in an arbitration case before the International Chamber of Commerce over claims involving construction and engineering of facilities in South America for electric power generation, processing of petrochemicals, and natural gas pipelines. After the arbitration, handled a related lawsuit challenging the award for a successful decision in the US District Court in Houston, Texas.
- Obtained a jury verdict for the plaintiff in a US District Court in Houston, Texas case involving minority shareholder oppression and breach of fiduciary duty. Collected more than USD 6 million in stock and polymer/plastics patent portfolios for the client after entry of the judgment.

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- Argued and won an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court, after five years of appeals, in a landmark case involving the sovereign immunity of a Texas city to claims by an international engineering company under a USD 40 million contract.
- Successfully obtained a summary judgment in the US District Court in Houston, Texas, on behalf of the defendant, a large Chinese manufacturing company, against more than USD 12 million in alleged breach of contract and fraud claims.
- Acted as lead counsel in the defense of a shareholder derivative suit in the US District Court in Houston, Texas, with more than USD 40 million in claims. The case settled favorably immediately after the deposition of the lead plaintiff.
- Worked in federal court as lead trial counsel to a Fortune 500 medical and scientific equipment company from a hostile attempt to force the sale of shares in a subsidiary in which the client had invested USD 30 million. Obtained a take-nothing judgment on USD 25 million in counterclaims and recovered more than USD 3.6 million in attorneys' fees.