



Hon. Murray Cohen, Esq.

Work History

Arbitrator/Attorney, 2018 - Present; Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2004-2017; Partner Emeritus (ret.), Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2019 - Present; Partner, Haynes & Boone LLP, 2002 - 2004; Justice, Court of Appeals for First District of Texas, 1983 - 2002; Attorney, self-employed, 1974 - 1978, 1980 - 1982; Attorney, Susman & Kessler, 1979 - 1980; Assistant District Attorney, Harris County District Attorney's Office, 1973 - 1974; Attorney, Saccomanno Clegg Martin & Kipple, 1972 - 1973.

Experience

Led Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP's Texas appellate practice from 2004 to 2017. Currently certified in Civil Appellate Law and formerly certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Served on the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas in Houston, having been elected four times, served more than 19 years, authored more than 1,800 opinions, and was three times the highest-rated appellate judge and twice the highest-rated (of 118 judges) incumbent state judge in the Houston Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Polls. Named Appellate Judge of the Year by the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists.

Recommended by the Texas Democratic Congressional Delegation to the President for nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. Served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center for five years, teaching seminars in appellate procedure and advocacy, and at South Texas College of Law, teaching seminars in appellate practice. Extensive experience in contract and commercial disputes, including UCC and common law issues, in industries including oil and gas production, pipeline, finance, real estate, and insurance. Experienced as a litigator, including having represented one of the nation's largest railroads, one of Houston's largest construction companies, and Texas' largest builders' trade organization. Experienced in trade secret cases, securities cases, employment cases, and tort

cases, including commercial torts, bodily injury, wrongful death, defamation, legal malpractice, and litigation involving defendants who are nonsubscribers to the Texas Workers' Compensation system. Experienced as an expert witness on legal malpractice and attorneys' fees.

Chaired the University of Texas School of Law Conference on State and Federal Appeals (1994), the State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Advocacy Course (1983), and the State Bar of Texas Advanced Criminal Law Course (1979).

Alternate Dispute Resolution Experience

Experienced as an arbitrator in trial and appellate cases, including contract, construction, commercial, securities, business torts, legal malpractice, employment, and personal injury cases.

Education

University of Texas (J.D.-1972); George Washington University (B.A.-1967)

Professional Licenses

Admitted to Bar: Texas (1972); U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court.

Professional Associations

Texas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow); Houston Bar Foundation (Life Fellow). State Bar of Texas Sections on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate, and Judicial. Houston Bar Association Sections on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Appellate.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

PUBLICATIONS:

"Exxon v. City of San Francisco: Bad Judgment or Judicial Misconduct, " TEXAS LAWYER ONLINE, August 7, 2021; Co-author, "A Texas Court's Authority to Grant Immunity: When Defendants' Rights Collide with Prosecutorial Power," THE APPELLATE ADVOCATE, Vol. 22, No., 3, Spring 2010; co-author, "Did We Kill an Innocent Man?," HOUSTON CHRONICLE, April 30, 2006; "When a Creditors' Committee Dies, Does its Pending Appeal Die Too?," AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE JOURNAL, December 2004-January 2005.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Co-presenter, "The Attorney-Client Privilege Across Borders," In-House Counsel Presentation to Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, September 22, 2010; "Texas Supreme Court Update," Harris County Judicial Education Conference, August 9, 2010; co-presenter, "Chu v. Hong: Formulating a Winning Appeal," State Bar of Texas Practice Before the Texas Supreme Court, April 17, 2009; "Preservation of Error in Probate Litigation," Attorneys in Tax and Probate, November 4, 2008; co presenter, "Oral Advocacy in the Trial Court and on Appeal," South Texas College of Law Advanced Civil Trial Seminar, February 22, 2007; "Punitive Damages," State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course, September 9, 2005; "Post-Verdict Preservation of Error," State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course, November 10, 2004; "Preserving Error for Appellate Review and Avoiding Malpractice," Houston Bar Association, November 5, 2004; "Daubert in 2004: 10 Topical Approaches to Attacking Expert Testimony," Houston Bar Association Appellate Section, October 20, 2004; co-presenter, "Presenting Oral Argument," State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course, September 9, 2004.