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Areas of Litigation Practice

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Commercial Torts
- Pharmaceutical Product Liability
- Personal Injury Defense
- Products Liability
- Real Estate Litigation

Education

- SMU Dedman School of Law
Dallas, Texas
J.D., 1980
- Dartmouth College
Hanover, New Hampshire
B.A., magna cum laude, 1976

Sawnie McEntire has over 40 years of experience handling complex civil matters in federal and state courts throughout Texas and across the United States. Sawnie has tried dozens of difficult cases to jury verdict on a variety of subject matters, such as commercial, products liability, pharmaceutical, and real estate claims. Sawnie also has served as national, state-wide, and regional counsel for many of his clients, has received many national and local accolades for his advocacy accomplishments, and has authored several publications on advocacy skills.

Admission to Practice

- Texas, 1980
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Fifth and Ninth Circuits

Representative Publications & Presentations

- Presenter, "Basic Considerations for Depositions", Collin County Bar Association, October 2020
- Co-Author, Watts, Mikal, TRIAL: A Guide from Start to Finish – Perspectives from Opposing Counsel © American Bar Association, 2020
- Presenter, "How to Pick a Winning Jury", April 2019
- Moderator and Co-Presenter, Nationwide Webinar, *Pretrial Strategies for Success*, American Bar Association, April 2019
- Presenter, Podcast, *Pretrial Strategies for Success*, American Bar Association, January 2019
- Editor and Co-Author, From the Trenches, Vol. 3, Pretrial Strategies for Success, © American Bar Association, 2018
- "Preparing Witnesses for Deposition," 2018
- Contributing Author, From the Trenches, Vol. 2, Mastering the Art of Preparing Witnesses © American Bar Association, 2017
- Presenter, "Effective Opening Statements", August 2017
- Presenter, "Effective Opening Statements", April 2017
- Author, Mastering the Art of Depositions, American Bar Association 2016
- Co-Presenter, "Ethical Claims Settlement Practices in Texas," 2016
- Contributing Author, From the Trenches: Strategies and Tips from 21 of the Nation's Top Trial Lawyers © American Bar Association, 2015
- Author, "Hydraulic Fracturing: An Update on the Legal, Regulatory, and Technical Issues of Fracking," 2015
- Co-Presenter, "Ethical Claims Settlement Practices in Texas," 2014
- Co-Presenter, "Ethical Claims Handling in Texas," 2014
- Co-Author, "Use of Statistics in the Courtroom," 2014
- "Successful Partnering of In-House Counsel and Outside Counsel," 2011
- Presenter, "Arbitration Risk-Benefit Analysis," 2010
- Presenter, "Arbitration: Infirmities and Strengths," 2004
- Presenter, "High Stakes Litigation in Plaintiffs' Havens," CLE International, 2003

Memberships & Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
- Director, Texas General Counsel Forum (Dallas Chapter)
- American, Dallas, and Houston Bar Associations
- American, Texas and Dallas Bar Foundations
- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

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Honors & Awards

- Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Texas Lawyer "Litigator of the Week," August 8, 2013
- Named a Top Product Liability Lawyer in the United States by Corporate In-House Counsel, Law360, February 15, 2013
- Texas Super Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters*, multiple years
- Associate Editor, *SMU Journal of Air Law & Commerce*

Representative Cases / Matters

- Significant appellate experience in Texas appellate courts and 1st Circuit, 5th Circuit and 9th Circuit
- Currently serving as counsel for a large, diversified real estate firm in litigation throughout the United States
- Served as National Counsel for automotive manufacturer in SUV rollover litigation
- Served as Texas state-wide counsel for large pharmaceutical company in litigation involving recalled medication
- Winning verdict in extended jury trial involving commercial tort, fraud and breach of contract claims in Bexar County, Texas
- Winning defense verdict in breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and professional negligence case in Harris County, Texas
- Winning defense verdict in wrongful death SUV rollover case in Matagorda County, Texas
- Winning verdict in tortious interference and breach of fiduciary duty case in Collin County, Texas
- Winning defense verdict in traumatic eye injury case resulting in blindness in Harris County, Texas
- Winning defense verdict in CERCLA property damage case in federal court in Eastern District of Texas
- Winning defense verdict in tortious interference case involving utility in Harris County, Texas
- Winning defense verdict in breach of contract case in Harris County, Texas
- Winning arbitration award involving tortious interference and breach of contract claims relating to an electrical generating plant
- Dismissal of age discrimination claim in United States District Court in Kansas City, Missouri
- Significant settlement recovery on behalf of client in tortious interference case involving an electrical generating plant
- Represented client in arbitration award relating to down-hole failure
- Representation of pharmaceutical company in extended 2-month trial in Bexar County, Texas
- Representation of pharmaceutical company in extended 1-month trial in Nueces County, Texas
- Representation of auto manufacturer in extended 2-month trial involving traumatic injuries (quadriplegia) in SUV rollover in St. Louis County, Missouri
- Represented public relations firm, as plaintiff, and successfully resolved claims relating to non-solicitation agreement and misappropriation of trade secrets