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### Current Scope of Practice

Mark D. Tillman is a trial attorney with extensive experience representing clients in complex commercial insurance litigation, insurance coverage disputes, extra-contractual claims, and disputes between insurance and reinsurance companies. Mr. Tillman has provided coverage advice and/or litigated matters arising out of a wide variety of policies, including general liability, property, homeowners, automobile, life, workers' compensation, fidelity, directors and officers liability, and reinsurance.

### Litigation Matters

A representative sampling of Mr. Tillman's recent litigation accomplishments includes:

- Obtained take-nothing judgment in favor of insurer following bench trial in breach of contract/bad faith lawsuit arising out of homeowners' fire loss (federal court).
- Obtained jury verdict in favor of insurer in breach of contract/bad faith lawsuit arising out of uninsured motorist claim.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of reinsurer in multi-million dollar claim arising out of alleged fraud and conspiracy.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of insurer in breach of contract/bad faith claim arising out of alleged breach of duty to defend (federal court).
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of insurer in breach of contract/bad faith claim arising out of underinsured motorist claim.

### Affiliations, Activities and Accomplishments

Mr. Tillman is admitted to practice in Texas (1995), and the U.S. District Court for the Northern (1995), Southern, Eastern and Western (2000) Districts of Texas. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Dallas Bar Association, the Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB), the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and the Christian Trial Lawyers Association.

## Presentations and Publications

Mr. Tillman is a frequent speaker on the issues of extra-contractual insurance claims and insurance coverage litigation.

- Fool Me Once: Lessons Learned From Catastrophic Property Claims, Sedgwick’s Seventh Annual “Hot Topics Seminar for the Bermuda Insurance Market,” Hamilton, Bermuda (October 2009).
- Swimming in the Deep End: Murky Issues Facing Property Insurers in Hurricane and Flood Claims: Part II – Business Interruption Issues, Sedgwick’s Sixth Annual “Hot Topics Seminar for the Bermuda Insurance Market,” Hamilton, Bermuda (October 2008).
- Continuing Bad Faith: It Keeps Going, and Going, and Going, Sedgwick Insurance Coverage Seminar “Issues and Trends in Extracontractual Coverage and Liability,” Chicago, Illinois (June 2008).
- A Guide Through the “Legal Nebula” of Loss Causation, Lorman Property Insurance Claims Teleconference (2008).
- Outside Events Affecting Policies and Coverage, Lorman Education Seminar “Update on Insurance Issues in Texas,” Dallas, Texas (2008).
- Katrina: The Litigation Storm Swirls, SDMA Hot Topics Seminar, Bermuda (2007).
- Spiking the Punch: How Post-Loss Market Spikes Impact Business Interruption Claims, SDMA Hot Topics Seminar, Bermuda (2006).
- Numerous in-house seminars for domestic, European and Bermudian insurers.

## Education

Mr. Tillman received his J.D. (1995), *summa cum laude*, from Texas Tech University School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Tillman was elected to the Order of the Coif (top 10%) and served as Note Editor for the *Texas Tech Law Review*. He earned his B.B.A. (1992) from Wayland Baptist University.