

STEVEN C. LAIRD

PROFESSIONAL

April 2009 to Present:

Law Offices of Steven C. Laird, P.C.

1824 8th Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, 76110, (817) 531-3000.

Practice focuses on civil litigation, specializing in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as 18-wheeler collision cases.

January 2007 – April 2009:

Laird & Cummings, P.C.

Practice focused on civil litigation, specializing in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as 18-wheeler collision cases.

September 2001 – January 2007:

Law Offices of Steven C. Laird, P.C.

Practice focused on civil litigation, specializing in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as 18-wheeler collision cases.

February 2000 – August 2001:

Laird & Jones, LLP

Practice focused on civil litigation, specializing in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as 18-wheeler collision cases.

June 1982 – February 2000:

Russell, Turner, Laird & Jones, LLP

Fort Worth, Texas. Practice focused on general litigation initially, both criminal and civil. Practice eventually focused on civil litigation, specializing in serious personal injury and wrongful death cases, as well as 18-wheeler collision cases.

1986 – 1989:

Adjunct Faculty, Texas Christian University – Business Law

1983 – 1984:

City Attorney for Blue Mound, Texas (part-time)

March 1980 – June 1982:

Groce, Locke & Hebdon

San Antonio, Texas. Responsibilities included all areas of trial and appellate practice relating to personal injury and corporate defense litigation.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration - Texas Tech University – 1976.

Master of Business Administration - Texas Christian University – 1977.

Doctor of Jurisprudence - South Texas College of Law – 1979 (December); Law Review.

Masters of Law (L.L.M.) in Trial Advocacy - Temple University School of Law of Law – 2015; Honors Graduate; Recipient of Edward D. Ohlbaum Award for Trial Advocacy

SPECIALIZATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization – 1986.

Board Certified Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy – 1989.

Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization – 1990.

Board Certified, Civil Pre-trial Practice, National Board of Trial Advocacy – 2012.

(Included in the less than one-percent of attorneys in Texas who are quadruple board certified)

HONORS/AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Recipient of the Tarrant County Bar Association Professionalism Award, 2010.

Recipient of second annual “Professionalism Award” given by the College of the State Bar of Texas, 1995.

Tex-ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates, Texas Chapter), President (2010); President-Elect (2009); Secretary (2008); Treasurer (2006-2007).

American Board of Trial Advocates, Fort Worth Chapter, Past President (2005); Advocate Status, 2005 (Requires a minimum of 50 jury trials) (invitation only organization of plaintiff and defense attorneys dedicated to preserving the right to trial by jury under the United States Constitution).

Inn of Court, Fort Worth Chapter No. 184, (Eldon Mahon Chapter) Founding Member since 1992 and Past President (2002-2003) (invitation only organization established to promote civility, education and mentoring in the legal profession). Recipient of Sergeant Award in 2007 (given periodically to an Inn member for recognition of special service and leadership).

Voted as one of the Top 100 “Texas Super Lawyers” for the entire State of Texas by *Thompson Reuters Legal*, as published in *Texas Law and Politics Magazine (Texas Monthly Magazine)* for ten different years (2005-2013, 2015). Voted as a “Texas Super Lawyer” in 2014 by the same publication.

Selected to “Best Lawyers in America” for Personal Injury Litigation, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Received the 7th Annual Outstanding Trial Lawyer of the Year Award by Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association for outstanding service and representation of injured and damage plaintiffs in personal injury and civil litigation in November 2015.

Voted as a “Top Personal Injury Attorney” in Tarrant County, Texas, as published in the *Fort Worth, Texas Magazine* (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012).

Recognized as a “2006 Mentor” in the Fort Worth, Texas community by the *Fort Worth Business Press*.

Selected as an “Attorney of Influence” as published in the *Fort Worth Business Press* (2003, 2004, 2005).

Selected as a “Power Attorney” as published in the *Fort Worth Business Press* (2008, 2013).

Voted as President-Elect of Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, 2015.

Voted as the “Top Medical Malpractice Attorney” in Tarrant County, Texas as published in the *Fort Worth, Texas Magazine* (2001, 2002).

Selected as Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas, 1988, by the Texas Young Lawyers Association. Selection was made from approximately 20,000 practicing lawyers thirty-five (35) years of age or under throughout the State based on achievements and leadership in the legal and community service areas.

Selected as Outstanding Young Lawyer of Tarrant County, 1988, by the Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association. Selection was made from all practicing lawyers in the County based on achievements and leadership in the legal and community service areas.

Chair of Settlement Week of Tarrant County for 1988; Member of Initial Settlement Week Committee in 1987. Tarrant County was the first county in Texas to adopt this program of setting aside one full week for voluntary submission of cases to be mediated by a trained mediator. The State of Texas adopted this program and created a State law requiring Settlement Week for all metropolitan counties.

Awarded U. S. Army Commendation Medal, 1974; Honorable Discharge.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

American Law Institute, 2007 (Elected to membership through invitation only. This organization of judges, law professors and attorneys from across the nation help formulate rules of law in various legal areas and produce Restatements of Law). Advisory Board Member on ALI Restatement Third, Torts: Intentional Torts to Persons.

State Bar of Texas: Jury Service Committee 1990 - 1993. Pattern Jury Charges - Volume I Committee, 1994 - 1995. Advertising Review Committee, 1995 – 1997 (Chair, 1996-1997); Legislative & Campaign Law Section, 2014 – 2015.

Member of College of State Bar of Texas since 1988.

Committee on Professional Ethics (Appointed unanimously by the Supreme Court of Texas), 1994 - 1995.

Supreme Court of Texas Task Force Committee Member on Advertising and Referral Fees (2005).

Tarrant County Bar Association: Board of Directors, 1992 – 1993; 2008 - 2010. Tarrant County Civil Bench/Bar Conference, Founding Co-Chair 1993-1994, and Co-Chair 1994-1995 and 1995-1996.

Tarrant County Bar Foundation: Charter Fellow; Director, 2003 - 2004.

The American Bar Foundation: Life Fellow.

American Association for Justice: Sustaining Member, 1982-2007; Member since 1982. Continuing Legal Education Presenter since 1992. Law Student Services Committee (1993-1999). Fellow, Roscoe Pound Foundation. Fellow, National College of Advocacy since 1994. Designated as Diplomate, National College of Advocacy, 1996; AAJ Bus Litigation Group (2014).

Texas Trial Lawyers Association: Board of Directors, 1988 - 2007. Statewide Membership Director, 1988 - 1990. Statewide Political Communications Committee Chair, 1990 - 1991. Fundraising Committee, 1994. Amicus Curiae Committee, 1993 - 1994. Long Range Planning Committee Chairman, 1996.

Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association: President 1987-1988. Board of Directors 1985- 1986 and 1988-1990.

Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association: Board of Directors, 1986-1987.

Member, Fort Worth Air Power Council (2009 – Present).

Texas Bar Foundation: Member since 1988; Fellow since 1989.

American Bar Association: Member since 1980.

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice (now Public Justice): Member since 1993.

Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas: Member since 1992.

Texas Supreme Court Historical Society: Charter Member since 1992.

Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity: Member since 1977.

Former Director of Boys and Girls Club of Arlington (2010 - 2015).

Sigma Chi Fraternity: Member since 1972.

PARTIAL LIST OF ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. State Bar of Texas – Nuts and Bolts Seminar - “*Personal Injury and Workers’ Compensation*” – 1987
2. Texas Trial Lawyers Association– Winning Trial Techniques - “*Principles of Voir Dire Examination*” and “*Principles of Opening Statement*” September 12, 1990
3. Texas Trial Lawyers Association – Advanced Trial Skills Seminar, “*Protecting the Record for Appeal*” November 8-9, 1990 – Houston, Texas
4. State Bar of Texas – Annual Advanced Personal Injury Law Course - “*Deposition Practice*” 1990 – Dallas, Texas
5. Texas Trial Lawyers Association – Galaxy of Rising Stars, “*Invasion of Privacy*” Apr. 25th thru 27th, 1991 – New Orleans, Louisiana
6. State Bar of Texas – 7th Annual Advanced Personal Injury Law Course - “*Deposition Practice*” July 17-19, 1991 – Dallas, Texas
7. Georgia, Alabama & Florida Trial Lawyers Associations - “*Invasion of Privacy*” November 1991
8. Association of Trial Lawyers of America –Annual Convention and Seminar - “*Direct Examination*” July 1992 - Washington DC
9. Association of Trial Lawyers of America –Annual Convention and Seminar - “*Cross Examination*” July 1992 - Washington DC
10. Association of Trial Lawyers of America –Annual Convention and Seminar - “*Opening Remarks*” and “*Synopsis of Fact Pattern*” July 1992 - Washington DC
11. Texas Trial Lawyers Association- Quarterly Meeting, “*Proving Up Medical Evidence*” August 1992
12. State Bar of Texas – 15th Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course - “*Expert Testimony*” Sept. 2-4, 1992 - San Antonio, Texas; Sept. 16-18, 1992 – Dallas, Texas
13. Texas Lawyer – “*Rule 76a: The Public’s Crowbar*” – December 21, 1992
14. Texas Trial Lawyers Association – Quarterly Meeting - “*Rule 76a and Protective Orders*” May 1993
15. Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association – Practicing Law in Tarrant County Seminar, “*Proving Up Medical*” June 1993 - Fort Worth, Texas
16. State Bar of Texas – 16th Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course – “*Expert Testimony*” Sept. 1-3, 1993 - San Antonio, Texas; Oct. 6-8, 1993 – Dallas, Texas; and Dec. 8-10, 1993 – Houston, Texas
17. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Mid-Winter Convention and Seminar, Law Students Section “*Drafting Pleadings, Complaints & Discovery*” Jan. 8, 1994 - San Diego, California
18. Texas Trial Lawyers Association – Advanced Personal Injury Law Seminar - “*Expert Testimony*” February 1994
19. Tarrant County Young Lawyers – Law School for Non-Lawyers, “*Torts, Personal Injury and DTPA*” May 31, 1994 - Fort Worth, Texas

20. Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association – Practicing Law In Tarrant County Seminar - “*Proving Up Medical*” June 17, 1994 - Fort Worth, Texas
21. Dallas Trial Lawyers Association – Trial Lawyers and Paralegals - “*The Role of the Paralegal in Trial*” July 21, 1994, Dallas, Texas
22. State Bar of Texas – 17th Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course, “*Expert Testimony*”, September, October, and November 1994 - San Antonio, Dallas and Houston, Texas
23. Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association - “*Expert Testimony*” November 29, 1994 - Fort Worth, Texas
24. Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Advanced Personal Injury Course – “*Proving Medical Damages*”, April and May, 1995, Dallas, Texas
25. Association of Trial Lawyers of America - Annual Convention and Seminar, Law Students Section - “*Closing Argument*” July 15, 1995 - New York City, New York
26. Professional Education Seminars, Inc. - “*Texas Premises Liability*” – November 1995, Houston, Texas
27. Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Advanced Personal injury Course - “*Damages Update*”, April and May, 1996 - Houston and Dallas, Texas
28. Association of Trial Lawyers of America - Annual Convention and Seminar, Law Students Section, “*The 10 Dos and Don’ts of Taking a Deposition*”, July 1996 - Boston, Massachusetts
29. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Annual Convention and Seminar, Inadequate Security Litigation Group, “*Top 10 Premises for Inadequate Security Cases - Condominiums/Apartment Buildings*”, July 1996 - Boston, Massachusetts
30. State Bar of Texas – 19th Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course -“*Depositions*”, August, September, and October 1996 - San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston, Texas
31. Texas Trial Lawyers Association - Hot Tips for Hot Times - “*Damages*” August 10, 1996 - South Padre Island, Texas
32. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Premises Liability Seminar - “*Preparing your Client for Trial,*” February 24, 1997, Las Vegas, Nevada
33. Texas Trial Lawyers Association- Premises Liability Seminar - “*Client Preparation: How to Present Your Client at Trial*” February 27, 1997, Houston, Texas
34. Texas Trial Lawyers Association – Advanced Product Liability Seminar – “*Physical Restraints Including Airbags and Seat Belts*” January 1997
35. Texas Trial Lawyers Association – Advanced Personal Injury Course - “*Ethics, Barratry and Advertising*” April 4, 1997 - Houston, Texas; April 25, 1997 - Houston, Texas
36. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Annual Convention and Seminar - “*Crashworthiness in the ‘90s and the New Millennium: Air Bags and Passive Restraints*” – 1997 - San Diego, California
37. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Annual Convention and Seminar - “*Unique Problems and Approaches to Specific Premises: Malls and Shopping Centers*” – 1997 - San Diego, California
38. Association of Trial Lawyers of America - “*Air Bags: A Dangerous Way to Save Lives*”, ATLA Trial Magazine, 1998
39. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Annual Convention and Seminar- “*Discovery and Rambo Litigation in Inadequate Security Cases*” – 1998 - Washington DC

40. Texas Trial Lawyers Association - Hot Tips for Hot Times - "*Medical Malpractice Update*" July 24 - 25, 1998, South Padre Island, Texas
41. Texas Trial Lawyers Association – Medical Malpractice Conference – "*New Mediation Techniques*", September 17-18, 1998 – Houston, Texas
42. Fort Worth/Tarrant County Young Lawyers – "*Experts: Choosing, Using, and Presenting*" – November 19, 1998 – Fort Worth, Texas
43. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Annual Convention and Seminar – Inadequate Security Litigation Group – "*Ditch Digging: Finding Treasure in the Muddy Pit of Discovery To Prove Foreseeability*" – 1999 – San Francisco, CA
44. South Texas College of Law – Personal Injury Law Conference – "*Expert Witness: Selection and Accessibility*" – April 2000
45. South Texas College of Law– "Statute of Limitations Update – Medical Malpractice" – March 1, 2001, Houston, Texas
46. South Texas College of Law – "*Discovery Issues: Privileges and How to Overcome Them*", March 29, 2001 – Houston, Texas; April 5, 2001 – Dallas, Texas
47. Texas Trial Lawyers Association– 13th Annual Medical Malpractice Conference "*When Life Expectancy, Trusts, Structures and Other Self Interests Collide*", September 2002
48. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – "*Weekend with the Stars*" – National College of Advocacy, New York City, New York, December, 2002
49. Tarrant County Bar Association – "A Quick Cruise Through Personal Injury Causes of Action in Texas" – February 2003
50. 14th Annual Medical Malpractice Conference, "*Should We Fear HIPPA Upon Us*"- Sept. 25-26, 2003, Houston, Texas
51. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – "*Negligence in the O.R.*"– Paper: "*Laminectomy & Fusion Surgery*", October 2003, New Orleans, Louisiana
52. Association of Trial Lawyers of America - Mid-Winter Convention, "*Court-Ordered ADR: How to Use this Opportunity to Your Advantage*", February 2004, Orlando, Florida
53. Florida Trial Lawyers Seminar - "*Jury Selection: Products Liability Fact Pattern - Client/Employee Altered Product Foreseeable Misuse*", April 2004, Tampa, Florida
54. Colorado Trial Lawyers Seminar - "*Case Evaluation and Damages for Settlement or Trial*", Steamboat Springs, CO, June, 2004
55. Arlington Bar Association, Young Lawyers Association, Tarrant County Bar Association, Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association, Probate Bar Association, Family Bar Association - "*Outline of State Bar of Texas Referral Fee Task Force Final Report and Recommendations*", June, July, August, September 2005
56. Association of Trial Lawyers of America – Trial Workshop – Faculty Member, September 2005, Pennsylvania
57. Irving Baylor Hospital Medical Staff – "Prevention and Treatment of Acute Lawyerosis- Practical Tips For Staying Out of Court", February 2006
58. Association of Trial Lawyers of America - "Use of Medical Literature and Learned Treatises on Direct and Cross Examination", February 2006, Hawaii
59. Corpus Christi Bar Association, "*Thinking Outside the Box – Negotiations and Settlements*", April 2006, Corpus Christi, Texas
60. Grand Prairie Bar Association, "*Texas Trucking Update*", April 2006, Grand Prairie, Texas

61. Northeast Tarrant County Bar Association, "*Mediation v. Trial*", June 2006
62. Fort Worth Paralegals Association, "*Mediation v. Trial*", July 2006, Fort Worth, Texas
63. Tarrant County Bar Brown Bag Seminar, "*Mediation v. Trial*", September 2006, Fort Worth, Texas
64. Tarrant County Probate Bar Seminar – "*Offering and Excluding Evidence*", September 2006, Fort Worth, Texas
65. Association of Trial Lawyers of America - "*Focus Groups and Jury Selection*" – October 2006, Las Vegas, Nevada
66. Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, "*Texas Referral Fee Rules and Advertising Rules*", January 2008, Fort Worth, Texas
67. Texas Wesleyan School of Law Seminar, "*Trying Your Case*", January 30-31, 2008, Fort Worth, Texas
68. Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Panel Member "*Voir Dire*", February 8, 2008, Fort Worth, Texas
69. Tarrant County Bar Association, Brown Bag CLE Seminar, "*Summary Judgments*", February 22, 2008, Fort Worth, Texas
70. Northeast Tarrant County Bar Association, "*Voir Dire*", February 2008
71. Corpus Christi Bar Association – "*Direct and Cross-Examination*" – March 2008, Corpus Christi, Texas
72. Advanced Civil Trial Law Seminar – "*Voir Dire in Texas – An Aerial View*" – April 11, 2008, Corpus Christi, Texas
73. Fort Worth Paralegals Association, "*De-Selection of a Jury*," May 2008, Fort Worth, Texas
74. Texas State Bar CLE Seminar, "*The Disappearing Jury*", July 18, 2008
75. Parker County Bar Association, "*Voir Dire and Opening Statements*," July 25, 2008, Weatherford, Texas
76. Erath County Bar Association, "*Voir Dire and Opening Statements*," August 8, 2008, Stephenville, Texas
77. Johnson County Bar Association, "*Voir Dire and Opening Statements*," September 12, 2008, Cleburne, Texas
78. Plano Regional Medical Center Medical Staff Monthly Presentation, "*Why Bad Doctors Are Sued*", September 17, 2008, Plano, Texas
79. State Bar of Texas, "*Structured Settlements from the Plaintiff's Perspective*", February 2009, Dallas, Texas
80. Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, "*Your Reputation and Your Practice*", July 21, 2009, Fort Worth, Texas
81. American Association for Justice, "*Aggressive Discovery In Trucking Litigation*", April 30, 2010, New Orleans, Louisiana
82. Southern Trial Lawyers Association Seminar, "*MCS-90 Endorsements In Trucking Cases: The View from 10,000 Feet*," February 17, 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana
83. Arlington Bar Association: "*Into the Weeds*" of MCS-90 Endorsements, March, 2012
84. Tarrant County Bench Bar Conference XXI, "*18-Wheeler Collisions and You – What You Don't Know Can Also Hurt You*," April 26, 2014, Montgomery, Texas
85. The National Crime Victim Bar Association, "*Civil Justice for Victims of Crime in Texas*," May, 2014, Washington, DC

86. Tarrant County Bench Bar Conference XXII, “*Why Doesn’t Law School Teach Us HOW To Practice Law?*” April 25, 2015, Montgomery, Texas
87. Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association, “*Civility and Ethics Learned in Just a Short 35 Years After Law School, or What They Didn’t Teach Me for the Bar Exam*”, May 27, 2015, Fort Worth, Texas
88. Tarrant County Bar Association, “*Magna Carta – Rule of Law*”, September 8, 2015, Fort Worth, Texas
89. Tarrant County Young Lawyers’ Association, “*What You Didn’t Know About Some of the 18-Wheelers You Drive Next To*”, September 15, 2015, Fort Worth, Texas
90. State Bar of Texas Advanced Paralegals Seminar, “*Why Should I need to Know Anything About a Trucking Collision Case?*”, October 1, 2015, Fort Worth, Texas

Additionally, I have co-authored a book chapter. Laird, Steven C. and Leighton, John E., “*Medical Experts: Coordination of Witnesses*”, Chapter 10 of *Legal Guide to Spinal Cord Injuries and Expert Testimony*, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. - 1995.

I was also on the faculty for AAJ’s (formerly known as ATLA) Ultimate Trial Advocacy College at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2001.

Personal:

Born in Dallas, Texas, on October 2, 1952.

U.S. Army 1973-74; Honorable Discharge; Recipient of Army Commendation Medal

Married to Patricia Calabria Laird, D.D.S.

Children: Kristin, Mark and Shannon

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