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With more than 20 years of experience in construction and business litigation, Clayton C. Cannon joined Adams and Reese in 2011 and serves as a Partner in the firm's Houston office.

His practice includes the litigation of commercial and residential construction cases, both land-based construction and offshore drilling assets, numerous types of commercial disputes, employment disputes and defense of personal injuries. He also handles construction issues related to foundations, roofing and roofing materials, windows, brick and siding claims as well as construction payment disputes. In construction law, resolving disputes requires a solid understanding of construction techniques, building design, and the interplay between owners, contractors, subcontractors, and designers. Clayton has experience in all areas of construction claims, which helps clients resolve their legal construction issues.

Clayton is also an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. He has served as an arbitrator on a variety of construction disputes.

Clayton was recently named the 2016 Houston Lawyer of the Year for Construction Litigation by Best Lawyers®. In addition, for six consecutive years, Clayton has been honored among Texas Super Lawyers in construction litigation and business litigation. Clayton also served as the Chair of the Construction Law Section of the Houston Bar Association for 2014-2015.

In addition to construction law, he has experience in complex insurance coverage litigation and international litigation. He has tried numerous jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations. Clayton has handled appellate matters and argued cases before the Texas Courts of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Some of Clayton's representative case experience includes:

- Jury verdict for a business owner against the general contractor who built the owner's new commercial building where the building's foundation failed within a few years of construction due to improper site preparations.
- Arbitration award for an apartment real estate developer/owner against its roofing subcontractor who failed to properly install the roofs on over ten

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EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 1991
- Texas A&M University, B.B.A., 1988

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL

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"My greatest achievement as a lawyer is reached when I become a part of the client's team, working together to meet the client's goals for the case, the business, and the future. By getting to know my clients, their businesses, and their industries, I am able to better understand how I can help them achieve success."



apartment buildings in one complex, resulting in leaks and shingles being blown off of the roofs.

- Bench trial victory involving a unilateral mistake defense on behalf of a real estate purchaser sued by a real estate broker who claimed entitlement to a commission following the purchaser's acquisition of a \$2 million home.
- Arbitration award against a real estate developer/builder for failing to properly construct the stucco exterior on town homes.
- Defense verdict for product manufacturer in a case involving a fire at a cement plant.

For years, Clayton has served as the co-chair and presenter for several construction law conferences for the University of Texas School of Law.

In his spare time, Clayton enjoys cooking, wine collecting, following Texas A&M sports, teaching Sunday School at Chapelwood United Methodist Church and spending time with his wife and two children.

Reported Cases

- *Gateway Logistics Group, Inc. v. Dangerous Goods Management Australia Pty, Ltd.*, H-05-2742, 2006 WL 314441 (S.D. Tex. filed May 31, 2006)
- *Wilson v. Barcella*, 284 Fed. Appx. 210 (S.D. Tex. July 10, 2008)
- *Campus Document Sys. v. Oce Fin. Servs.*, Civil Action H-08-1462, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 93511 (S.D. Tex. Nov. 17, 2008)
- *In re Enron Corp. Secs, Derivative & ERISA Litig.*, MDL 1446, (S.D. Tex. filed Dec. 10, 2007)
- *Boss Mgmt. Servs. v. Acceptance Ins. Co.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 69666 (S.D. Tex. Sep. 19, 2007)
- *Amerisure Ins. Co. v. C-Cure Corp.*, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 30689 (S.D. Tex. filed Aug. 17, 2004)
- *Newby v. Enron Corp.*, 338 F.3d 467 (5th Cir. 2003)
- *Olmos v. Pecan Grove Mun. Util. Dist.*, 857 S.W.2d 734 (Tex. App.--Houston [14th Dist.] 1993)
- *St. Paul Mercury Ins. Co. v. Lexington Ins. Co.*, 78 F.3d 202 (5th Cir. 1996)
- *Mustang Tractor & Equip. Co. v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.*, 76 F.3d 89 (5th Cir. 1996)

Presentations and Seminars

- "The Importance of the Tenant Work Letter," State Bar of Texas 22nd Annual Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course (March 2011)
- "Damages in Construction Litigation: Current Issues and Case Law," Construction Law Conference, University of Texas School of Law, Dallas (September 2010)

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association, Construction Law Section, Chair, 2014-2015, Council Member 2011-present
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

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