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WHETHER FOR A SOPHISTICATED CORPORATION FAMILIAR WITH THE COURTROOM OR A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER NEW TO LAWSUITS, PERRIN UNDERSTANDS THAT FOR MANY CLIENTS, THE UNCERTAINTY AND DIFFICULTY OF LITIGATION — ACTUAL OR IMPENDING — CAN BE OVERWHELMING. PERRIN VIGOROUSLY REPRESENTS HIS CLIENTS' INTERESTS SO THEY CAN REST ASSURED THAT, ONCE HE IS INVOLVED, HE WILL BRING TENACITY, PROFICIENCY AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL TO THEIR CASES — DOING THE “WORRYING” SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO.

Perrin's busy litigation practice includes representing clients in civil litigation matters across a vast range of subject matters, including business and contract disputes; debtor and creditor claims; construction litigation, including mechanic's and materialman's liens; premises liability; personal injury; vehicle products liability; property disputes; and consumer rights in state and federal courts throughout Texas and the United States. He has represented clients, including individuals and small business owners as well as Fortune 100 companies, across a wide range of industries.

Perrin's successes have included victories as first-chair counsel in both bench and jury trials. In the current environment permitting remote trials, he has won trial victories in person and through remote “Zoom” trials. He has also obtained numerous summary judgment victories for clients in state and federal courts. Perrin provides comprehensive analysis of claims for clients to develop cost efficient and effective litigation plans. He has worked extensively with technical experts, such as engineers, appraisers and medical professionals, to coordinate defenses that identify the weak spots in an opponent's argument. Perrin particularly excels at understanding complex matters and synthesizing expansive information and records, then presenting that information clearly and concisely to the judge or jury.

Perrin has managed complex vehicle products liability cases throughout the country in state and federal courts in California, Arizona, Ohio, Louisiana, Maryland and multiple other states. He has defended vehicle manufacturers, equipment manufacturers and parts suppliers in individual cases and worked as part of a team of multiple law firms defending multidistrict litigation resulting from massive product recalls. He has also represented major retailers and apartment complex owners in premises liability disputes.

Perrin has also handled appellate matters in multiple Texas courts of appeal.

Before practicing law, Perrin taught middle school social studies for eight years in North Carolina and served as the head coach for the middle and high school boys soccer teams.

Representative Experience

- Secured a final arbitration award of more than \$3.16 million for a solar energy construction contractor.
- Secured a settlement of \$2.61 million on behalf of a solar energy renewable labor supplier for a 2,000-acre solar farm installation project in Anson, Texas. The general contractor and surety agreed to settle within an hour of receiving the ruling excluding their expert witness and defeating the general contractor's motion for summary judgment and summary motion for lien removal under Chapter 53 of the Texas Property Code. Remaining parties agreed to settlement less than a week later.
- Secured a trial judgment in excess of \$1.5 million in a breach of contract case on behalf of the defendant and counter-plaintiff, a non-resident bank, in an aircraft lease dispute, including complete denial of all of the plaintiff's claims and finding of liability against the plaintiff's parent company and owner under alter ego and veil piercing theories of liability.
- Represented a Colorado-based equipment rental entity against a West Texas oilfield operator with more than \$20 million in annual revenues, obtaining a favorable jury verdict after a five-day trial in Midland, Texas; despite being a defendant in numerous previous lawsuits, this was the first verdict against the oil field operator in any lawsuit.
- Represented a trucking company and its owner in a dispute with their lender over multiple loans; in response to a lender demand, prosecuted the suit for usury claims and damages of more than \$2 million related to 16 separate loan transactions; in an alternative settlement arrangement, compelled the lender to transfer to the trucking company the title to a commercial office building.
- Won summary judgment for a billion-dollar oil exploration and production company in a multimillion-dollar suit filed by the family of an employee killed in a catastrophic oil field accident. Secured the complete dismissal of all claims against the client asserting a Chapter 95 defense in summary judgment that was granted two weeks before the case was to proceed to trial.
- Filed and prosecuted more than \$50 million in mechanic's, materialman's and mineral lien claims since 2017, on behalf of original contractors, subcontractors or suppliers; represented parties at all levels of construction chain in prosecution and defense of lien claims.
- Won complete summary judgment and complete denial of Construction Trust Fund Act violation claims against the principal and owner of a general contractor in a dispute of more than \$30 million related to the construction of oil field facility.
- Represented an oil exploration and production company in a nuisance claim for damages suffered by a landowner as a result of a chloride leak on the property; obtained partial summary judgment as to

damages and complete exclusion of the plaintiff's retained expert for the first time in the expert's more than 25-year career of providing testimony.

- Represented creditors and debtors through litigation, trial and post-judgment collections, including prosecuting and defending garnishments, attachments and receivership actions.
- Represented a national restaurant chain franchisee in a dispute with its landlord in a multi-day jury trial.
- Represented a Canadian crown corporation in numerous, international lawsuits against U.S. entities, obtaining a favorable result in each instance, including pursuing one defendant through bankruptcy.
- Litigated multiple lawsuits involving disputes and claims of environmental harm, including damage to property and vegetation.
- In multiple cases, represented contractors prosecuting claims of more than \$5 million on major, energy-construction projects.
- Represented a small business owner in multiple matters involving trademark litigation, contracts, deceptive trade practices and defamation.
- Defended multiple Fortune 500 retailers and apartment complex owners in numerous premises liability claims, including third-party criminal activity cases and cases involving severe injuries and fatalities, obtaining multiple summary judgment dismissals in state and federal courts.
- Represented a major automobile manufacturer in vehicle products liability lawsuits throughout the country, overseeing voluminous discovery and motion practice, coordinating complex engineering and technical expert analyses, and managing cases through mediation and trial preparation.
- Handled multidistrict litigation and associated lawsuits stemming from major recalls on behalf of an automobile manufacturer and automotive parts supplier.
- Represented majority and minority shareholders in business divorce and dissolution matters.
- After several years of protracted litigation, obtained complete dismissal with prejudice of all claims representing a landlord in a serious dog bite injury case with no liability or expense to pro bono client.
- Represented a Mexican telecommunications entity and its owner in cross-border transactions and various corporate matters.

Noteworthy

- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" List, 2021–2023
- Selected by attorney peers for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars*®, Thomson Reuters, 2020–2022

- IADC Trial Academy graduate, 2016

Activities and Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
 - Member
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
 - Member
- Dallas Bar Association
 - Member

Publications

- "The Times They Are a Changing for Texas Lien Law," *Dallas Bar Association Headnotes*, author; August 2021.
- "A Change is Finally Coming — Texas Legislature Closes the Chapter 38 Attorney Fees Loophole," *Texas Lawyer*, author; June 2021.
- "Lien Issues During COVID-19: Early Is On Time, And On Time May Be Late," Bell Nunnally Client Alert, author; April 7, 2020.

Presentations

- Testified before the Texas Legislature regarding major revisions to Chapter 52 of the Texas Property Code, regarding mechanic's and materialman's lien law, and drafted proposed text that was incorporated into the final bill passed by the legislature, which became effective January 1, 2022.

Credentials

Education

- JD, Wake Forest University School of Law, *cum laude*, 2013
- BA, Political Science, North Carolina State University, 2002



Admissions

- Texas
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan