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Profile



Mitzi Mayfield has practiced Civil Trial Law for over 30 years. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She is also a member of the American College of Transportation Attorneys and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Ms. Mayfield is currently on the TEX-ABOTA Executive Committee and former President of the Amarillo Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She is a sustaining Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a Senior Life Fellow of the ABOTA Foundation.

She regularly represents clients in general civil litigation, transportation litigation, commercial litigation, medical malpractice, premises liability and products liability litigation. Ms. Mayfield also practices in the areas of oil and gas litigation and business litigation and has defended clients against intentional tort claims of libel and slander. Additionally, she has handled matters involving medical committee and medical peer review committee privileges and represented physicians, nurses and pharmacists in matters pending before the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

Ms. Mayfield has been named a Texas Super Lawyer by *Texas Monthly* from 2009-2022 in the area of Transportation Litigation and she has been selected for inclusion in "*The Best Lawyers in America*" (Woodward White, Inc.).

Ms. Mayfield frequently lectures to lawyers, adjusters and risk management personnel at continuing education seminars and has served as course director for multiple State Bar of Texas and Texas Association of Defense Counsel continuing education seminars. Ms. Mayfield is also on the Grievance Oversight Committee appointed by the Texas Supreme Court.

Ms. Mayfield earned her B.S. Degree from Texas Tech University in 1987 and her J.D. from Texas Tech University in 1991. She is very active in her church and community, serving on the board of Family Support Services from 2011-2017 (President 2016-2017) and is currently President of the board of the Amarillo Area Tennis Association.

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Ms. Mayfield and her husband, Todd, have three children and two grandchildren. She enjoys tennis, traveling, and cooking.

Practice Areas

- Transportation Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Healthcare Litigation
- Oil and Gas Litigation

Bar/Court Admissions

- 1991, Texas
- Supreme Court of Texas; United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Education

- [Texas Tech University](#), J.D., 1991
- [Texas Tech University](#), B.A., 1987

Affiliations

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law (Texas Board of Legal Specialization)
- Member, American College of Transportation attorneys
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Executive Committee, 2020-2022
- American Board of Trial Advocates, current National Board Representative for Amarillo Chapter; Co-Chair Civil Justice Committee
- TEX-ABOTA, Executive Committee
- Amarillo Area Tennis Association Board
- State Bar of Texas
- Amarillo Area Bar Association, Director, Executive Committee 2011-2013
- Amarillo Area Bar Foundation, President, 2014-2015
- Amarillo Area Women's Bar Association
- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Defense Research Institute
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Texas Bar Foundation
- Named Super Lawyer by *Texas Monthly*, 2009-2022
- Named 2023 "*Lawyer of the Year*" in Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants in Great Plains, by the *Best Lawyers of America*, 29th Edition

Experience

- Plaintiffs' verdict in an arbitration involving breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Summary judgment for oil services company in a wrongful death claim claiming attractive nuisance - upheld on appeal.
- Defense verdict for an obstetrician in a wrongful death claim relating to the care and treatment of a mother and infant
- Defense verdict for a family practitioner in a wrongful death case involving the death of an elderly female
- Defense verdict for a pediatric surgeon in a medical malpractice case involving the loss of a limb
- Defense verdicts in multiple premises liability cases
- Defense verdicts in multiple motor vehicle accident cases

- Participated in defense verdicts of cardiovascular surgeon in three cases alleging wrongful death and negligence
- Obtained summary judgment for a fire protection equipment supplier against a personal injury claim related to an elevator accident
- Participated in nonsuit of anesthesiologist after one week of trial in wrongful death action
- Participated in defense verdict for family practice physician
- Represented multiple trucking companies against personal injury and wrongful death claims related to tractor-trailer accidents
- Represented hospitals and medical staff in medical peer review matters
- Represented various agricultural cooperatives against claims involving personal injury, trucking accidents, and wrongful death
- Represented apartment complex owner and apartment management company against claims involving carbon monoxide poisoning
- Represented manufacturer of dairy equipment in a case involving products liability and contract disputes
- Obtained dismissal for oilfield drilling company in a personal injury case involving an electrocution
- Obtained dismissal for independent contractor of lease operator of a drilling rig in personal injury claim
- Obtained dismissal for a cardiologist and a medical professional association in a case involving a patient's claim for medical negligence
- Represented psychiatric care facility against wrongful death claims in medical malpractice cases
- Represented independent surgery center in a medical malpractice wrongful death claim related to a heart attack
- Represented beneficiaries in a probate action involving mismanagement and abuse of fiduciary responsibility by an executor
- Represented oilfield drilling company against personal injury claims related to an oilfield explosion
- Represented one-call notification center against personal injury and wrongful death claims involving an oilfield explosion
- Represented recreational vehicle campground developer against breach of contract claims
- Represented dude ranch in a personal injury case involving a fall from a horse
- Represented physician in a negligence and products liability case involving an anesthesia breathing unit
- Participated in the defense of an oil and natural gas company involving wrongful death claims by the family of a volunteer firefighter
- Represented oil and natural gas exploration and production company in case involving breach of operating agreement
- Represented hospital in a medical malpractice claim related to the administration of incorrect drug
- Represented welding equipment and supply company involving a vehicle fire
- Represented engineering firm in action involving the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District
- Represented nursing homes in cases involving personal injury and wrongful death
- Represented engineer in connection with an engineering contract dispute
- Represented a building supply company against claims involving property damage and personal injuries resulting from a tractor-trailer accident
- Successfully represented numerous physicians and healthcare providers before the Texas Medical Board
- Represented an oilfield drilling company in a claim involving carbon monoxide poisoning
- Represented manufacturer of cattle feed in case involving death of livestock

Publications

- "Discovery Trends", State Bar of Texas, Advanced Civil Trials (July 2022)
- "Strategies for Minimizing Damages" TEX-ABOTA 11th Annual Advanced Trial Strategies Course (March 2022)
- "Cutting Edge Cases" Texas Association of Defense Counsel, 2021 Summer Seminar
- "Top Ten Mistakes Made in Discovery Matters," State Bar of Texas, Fiduciary Litigation Seminar, via Zoom (December 10, 2020)
Speaker
- "Exhaustion, Restatement and Summarization, and Boxing In," Texas Association of Defense Counsel, 2020 Deposition Bootcamp, via Zoom (October 2, 2020)
Speaker
- "Prosecuting and Defending Truck Cases," Texas Association of Defense Counsel, 2020 Annual Meeting, Galveston, Texas (September 24-26, 2020)
Speaker

- "Discovery Update," State Bar of Texas, 33rd Annual Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course, webcast (May 22, 2020)
Author/Speaker
- "Non-Economic Damages: Defense Perspective," State Bar of Texas, Prosecuting and Defending Truck and Auto Collision Cases, San Antonio, Texas (November 21-22, 2019)
Author/Speaker
- "Discovery Update" - State Bar of Texas Advanced Evidence & Discovery Course
Author/Speaker
- "Preparing and Defending a Corporate Representative"
Author/Speaker
- TADC Boot Camp
Author/Speaker
- "Buckle-Up – It's the Law and It's Admissible"
Co-Author/Speaker
- "Strategies for Maximizing and Minimizing Damages"
Co-Author/Speaker
- "Money: I'm All Right Jack, Keep Your Hands Off of My Stack"
Co-Author/Speaker
- "Confidentiality & Protective Orders in Business Litigation,"
Co-Author/Speaker
- Course Director – 2017 Advanced Evidence & Discovery, sponsored by State Bar of Texas
- "Issues Involving Electronic Medical Records,"
Author/Speaker
- "Minimizing Damages," State Bar of Texas, Prosecuting & Defending Truck and Auto Collision Cases 2016
Author/Speaker
- "Damages Overview - Maximizing and Minimizing Damages"
Co-Author/Speaker - Defense Perspective
- "Damages: Can I Give the Plaintiff More Than He Asked For?"
Co-Author/Speaker - Defense Perspective
- "Injuries and Damages"
Author/Speaker - Defense
- "Maximizing and Minimizing Damages: The Defense Perspective"
Co-Author/Speaker
- "Medical Malpractice Evidence and Discovery Issues"
Author/Speaker
- "Continuing Developments in the Law of Voir Dire"
Co-Author/Speaker
- "The Law of Voir Dire - Making or Breaking Your Case"
Co-Author/Speaker
- "The Selection, Care and Feeding of Expert Witnesses"
Co-Author/Speaker
- "Sellers' Get a Free Ride: Statutory Indemnity for Products Liability in Texas" Author/Speaker
- "Preventing Lawsuits Through Effective Communication"
Author/Speaker
- "The Current State of Medical Liens in Texas"
Author/Speaker
- "Recent Significant Texas Cases and Significant Law Changes in Texas"
Author/Speaker
- Naturalization Ceremony, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division
Speaker
- Twelve Underwood Lawyers Recently Recognized as 2023 Texas Super Lawyers
- Underwood Lawyers Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America, 2024 Edition
- Mitzi Mayfield Becomes a Member of The American College of Transportation Attorneys