



***Notice to Public  
of Upcoming Consideration by  
Board of Trustees of Amendment to  
Contingent Fee Contract for Legal Services***

Pursuant to Section 2254.1036 of the Texas Government Code, Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool provides this written notice to the public of certain information that will be considered by the Risk Pool's Board of Trustees at the next Board of Trustees Meeting, which will occur as an in-person event at the following location on the following date and time:

Hilton Garden Inn San Antonio - Live Oak Conference Center  
8101 Pat Booker Rd.  
Live Oak, Texas 78233  
October 21, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

This upcoming meeting is called, in part, for the purpose of the Board of Trustees to consider the following matters for purposes of determining whether to approve an amendment to a contingent fee contract for legal services. If approved by the Board of Trustees, the amendment then would be submitted to the Office of the Texas Attorney General for approval.

A. Original Contingent Fee Contract

The Risk Pool established hundreds of property claims arising from the winter storm that began in February 2021, most of which involve frozen and broken pipes and the ensuing damage suffered by Members that lost power. Providing coverage to Members for these damages gave rise to a right of subrogation on the part of the Risk Pool and a right to bring claims against responsible third parties.

At the February 4-5, 2022 meeting, the Board decided to pursue subrogation for the purpose of shifting the financial burden of Members' winter-storm losses to any responsible third parties and/or their insurance carriers. Further, the Board directed the Risk Pool to enter into a contingent fee contract with the law firm of Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC for legal services to pursue subrogation of these winter-storm property claims. In reaching this decision, the Board considered at the February 4-5, 2022 meeting: (A) the reasons for the pursuing the matter and desired outcome, (B) the competence, qualifications, and experience of the attorneys and law firm proposed, (C) the nature of the proposed relationship, (D) the reasons the legal services cannot be adequately performed by staff, (E) the reasons the legal services cannot be reasonably obtained upon hourly fees without contingency, and (F) the reasons entering into a contingent fee contract is in the best interest of the residents.

Following the meeting, at the Board's direction, the Risk Pool executed a Firm Retention Agreement with Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC, which has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

## B. Amendment to Contingent Fee Contract

Recently, the two primary attorneys handling the winter-storm subrogation under the agreement, Lawrence Bowman and David Fisk, departed the law firm of Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC and joined the firm of Grotefeld Hoffmann, LLP, where they to continue handling winter-storm subrogation.

The Risk Pool considers entering into an amendment to the contingent fee contract previously executed with Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC. The proposed amendment would serve to transfer the Risk Pool's engagement from the firm of Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC to the firm of Grotefeld Hoffmann, LLP, while preserving the same contingent fee structure and terms and conditions set forth in the original agreement. Under this relationship, Mr. Bowman will continue to principally handle this matter, along with attorneys David Fisk, Mark Grotefeld, Kevin Mosley, and Anooj Thakrar, bringing with them the competence, qualifications, and experience set forth in the following attachments:

- Attachment 1: Curriculum Vitae of Attorney Lawrence Bowman
- Attachment 2: Curriculum Vitae of Attorney David Fisk
- Attachment 3: Curriculum Vitae of Attorney Mark Grotefeld
- Attachment 4: Curriculum Vitae of Attorney Kevin Mosley
- Attachment 5: Curriculum Vitae of Attorney Anooj Thakrar
- Attachment 6: Grotefeld Hoffmann, LLP: Insurance Subrogation

With this amendment, these attorneys at Grotefeld Hoffmann, LLP will serve as attorneys for their client, the Risk Pool, in an attorney-client relationship, beginning upon approval of the amendment by the Office of the Texas Attorney General. The amendment would change the law firm with which the Risk Pool is engaged but preserve the nature of the relationship. In exchange for providing legal services to pursue subrogation for winter-storm property claims on behalf of the Risk Pool, the Risk Pool will compensate Grotefeld Hoffmann, LLP with a fee contingent on the successful outcome, under the methodology set forth in the original agreement that allows for the fee to be calculated based upon a percentage of the recovery. Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC will have a claim against the contingency fee paid to Grotefeld Hoffmann, LLP, but any portion of the fee paid to Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC will not affect the recovery that the Risk Pool would otherwise receive.

## C. Standing Reasons

The underlying reasons considered by the Board at the February 4-5, 2022 meeting remain unchanged. The Risk Pool seeks to pursue subrogation for the purpose of ensuring that any responsible third parties and/or their insurance carriers bear the financial burden of Members' winter-storm losses. The Risk Pool desires, as an outcome, to recoup these losses in furtherance of its duty to responsibly manage Members' pooled funds for the protection of their financial stability. Further, the Risk Pool does not have the internal attorney staffing capacity to thoroughly handle matters of this size, volume, and complexity. Further, these legal services cannot be reasonably obtained upon hourly fees without contingency, as the firms most knowledgeable and capable of providing the cost-sharing benefits of joint representation appear to be doing so on contingency. Further, obtaining legal services upon hourly fees would carry the risk of legal fees exceeding recoveries and diminish the motivation to prevail that accompanies an attorney's vested

interest in the outcome. By pursuing subrogation, the Risk Pool protects the financial stability of taxpaying residents in Texas, who fund their local governments' contributions to the Risk Pool. A contingent fee contract for legal services offers an effective and economic way to pursue winter-storm subrogation, which will help the Risk Pool remain a stable and economic source of risk financing for local governments, in the best interest of their residents.

# Lawrence T. Bowman

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For more than three decades trial lawyer Lawrence “Larry” Bowman has represented clients in complex commercial litigation, including construction, energy, contractual, tort, product liability, intellectual property, antitrust, and securities matters. He counsels a broad spectrum of individual corporate and insurance company clients in the courtroom during trials and around the negotiation table in the settlement of significant cases.

Larry enjoys representing people and organizations involved in building things and adding value to their communities. He frequently advises contractors and subcontractors and other construction-related companies dealing with disasters such as fires, crane failures, and structural collapses. The process of large-scale commercial construction comes fraught with many kinds of risks, and Larry’s clients rely on him to guide them through the aftermath of accidents, injuries, construction defects, and other challenging situations.

With many years of experience and an in-depth insight into the legal landscape, Larry quickly reads and understands the relationships among the parties involved in conflicts stemming from project incidents. He adeptly synthesizes information—including physical evidence, eyewitness testimonies, and personal observations—to create coherent and influential accounts that explain why and how something happened, who is responsible, who may not be responsible.

When clients hire Larry he takes the time to discuss their issues empathetically and thoroughly, see things from their perspective, and gain a keen understanding of their problems in all their dimensions. He then draws on his broad and deep knowledge to create sensible strategies that contain and manage problems while helping clients attain their goals. If courtroom litigation is the best path forward, Larry brings skilled and passionate advocacy to maximize outcomes.

## Away from the Office

In his free time, Larry is an avid reader of many types of prose and frequently attends movies and theater performances. In addition to swimming, hiking, and playing golf, he travels often for both work and pleasure and enjoys spending time with his wife Judie, their three children, and five grandchildren.

## Practice Focus

Construction, Energy, Oil and Gas, Environmental, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Large Loss Subrogation, Litigation, Cyber Security, Complex Commercial Litigation, Professional Liability

## Honors



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### LAW SCHOOL

Pennsylvania State University, The Dickinson School of Law  
J.D., 1978

### UNDERGRADUATE

La Salle University  
B.A., 1975

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- AV Preeminent®, Martindale Hubbell
- Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters (2004 - 2007, 2013 - 2019)
- Ranked in Chambers USA Guide, Business Litigation (2010-2014)
- Recently selected as a Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates
- Elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation, the largest charitably-funded bar foundation in the country
- Selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA)

## Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1994
  - State Courts of Texas
  - United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- State Bar of Pennsylvania,
- State Bar of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1978
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

## Associations

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- American Bar Association
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- Association of Trial Lawyers
- Dallas Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals
- National Fire Protection Association
- Member - Loss Executives Association (LEA)
- Fellow - Litigation Counsel of America (LCA)
- Member - Counsel on Litigation Management (CLM)

## Experience

For over 30 years, Larry has represented clients in complex commercial litigation matters including contractual, tort, construction, product liability, intellectual property, antitrust and securities.

- \$25 million in claims resulting from the collision of the M/V BRIGHTFIELD with the New Orleans Riverwalk Mall and connecting hotel in New Orleans resulting in an 85 percent recovery for all property damage.
- \$17 million claim of RT Realty against the Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Gilbert Construction regarding the blocking of drainage and sewer lines which caused a fire and electrical failures in the RT Realty building during a 100-year storm due to flooding.
- \$10 million settlement involving complex construction defect claims representing the homeowners of a high-end condominium development on Lake Travis, Texas arising from defective design and construction.
- \$4 million construction claim involving the property owners of a high-rise condominium development in Austin, Texas.
- \$40 million claim involving a ruptured gas pipeline in Greenville, Texas resulting in a favorable confidential settlement.
- \$105 million dollar claim involving the failure of blowout preventers in a high temperature high pressure gas well in Southern Louisiana.

- Recovered full contract damages, attorney's fees and costs for a large road builder in a dispute with the project owner and project engineer.
- Successfully prosecuted a claim for a subcontractor against general contractor involved in manufacturing housing units on a military base in Oklahoma.
- Successfully tried many fire cases involving both personal injury and damages to real and personal property.

## Clients

Larry has represented a broad spectrum of individual corporate and insurance company clientele at trial and in settlement of significant cases.

## Publications

- *Case Summary: Overcoming a Motion to Strike and Exclude Expert Testimony in Fire Cases*, Subrogator Magazine, Spring/Summer 2017, at 26
- Amount Recoverable in Subrogation, New Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition ch.162, Sep. 2015
- Co-author, *Kane Russell Coleman & Logan Subrogation Guide* (book published in 2013)
- Author, Broad-Form Indemnity Eliminated in Construction-Related Contracts in Texas, Construction Law Journal (December 2012)

Frequent author for many organizations, including:

- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)
- National Economic Research Association (NERA)
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB)
- Bar associations and clients in the insurance industry and other arenas

## Presentations

- Presenter, *Ambiguity in Insurance Policies*, 2018 Executive Association Annual Conference, January 2018
- Presenter, Cross-examination of Witnesses, 2017 Dallas ABOTA Trial Academy, October 2017
- Presenter, *Cross Examination of Witnesses*, KRCL Litigation Seminar, June 2017
- Presenter, *Unwitting Waiver of the Attorney-Client Privilege*, 30th Annual Construction Law Conference for the Texas State Bar, March 2017
- Presenter, *Taking Effective Depositions*, University of Texas Law Conference, September 2012

Frequent lecturer for many organizations, including:

- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)
- National Economic Research Association (NERA)
- Property Loss Research Bureau (PLRB)
- Bar associations and clients in the insurance industry and other arenas

# David H. Fisk

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*"My approach to litigation is thoughtful and direct and has resulted in a very successful record that includes a number of positive jury verdicts and millions of dollars in recoveries for my clients. I am always eager to conduct a thorough but efficient investigation to determine what caused a loss, what could have prevented it, and who should be held accountable. While my experience litigating property loss claims runs the gamut, I find a lot of satisfaction and enjoyment in the construction field, where my practice includes not only resolving construction defect issues but also assisting clients in legal matters from the inception of a project through its completion."*

Seasoned litigator David Fisk concentrates his practice on large-loss property subrogation and construction matters, primarily representing businesses, homeowners, and builder's risk, property, and liability insurers pursuing substantial property damage claims. David serves clients throughout Texas and Oklahoma and handles cases across the United States with assistance from his extensive network of local counsel.

The property damage matters David takes on are primarily the result of events that include construction and design defects, fires, explosions, machinery and equipment failures, gas and water leaks, and transit losses. David maintains a particular interest in construction defect claims, but his vast experience and broad knowledge base handling all types of property loss claims likely rival any other attorney. He works closely with other professionals such as fire investigators, forensic engineers, and chemists to uncover evidence to answer questions about the origin and cause of damaging events, as well as responsibility for their occurrence. David finds it gratifying to complete this type of detective work and to present a clear picture of how and why an incident occurred.

On the subrogation side of his practice, David works diligently to keep his clients' claims moving forward and to procure recoveries in a timely and cost-effective manner. His depth of experience allows him to quickly determine whether a recovery claim is worth pursuing. Collaborating closely with clients, he then determines whether a pre-suit resolution is warranted or if the client is better served by engaging in litigation discovery and negotiating a settlement or vigorously taking the case to trial. This fast classification of matters helps his clients craft the most efficient business strategies, allowing them to save time and money.

David also advises developers, owners, and general contractors in construction disputes on both the plaintiff and defendant side of the docket. He has also worked on employee theft/dishonesty claims, personal injury claims, and professional liability claims.

## Away from the Office



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### LAW SCHOOL

St. Mary's University School of Law  
J.D., 2005

### UNDERGRADUATE

University of Texas at Austin  
B.A., 2002

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David been involved in the Dallas Bar Association's annual home-building project in collaboration with Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity since 2006 and has served as Co-Chair of the project for several years. He and his wife, Casey, have three young boys, and David is active in coaching their basketball teams and helping their soccer teams. In his free time, David enjoys playing golf and scuba diving.

## Practice Focus

Construction, Insurance, Large Loss Subrogation, Litigation

## Honors

- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters (2014 - 2020)
- Best Lawyers in America®, U.S. News & World Report (2022)
- Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, 2012
- Distinguished Alumni Award – Parish Episcopal School, 2015
- Phi Delta Phi – Tarlton Inn

## Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2005
  - United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
- State Bar of Oklahoma, 2014
  - United States District Court of the Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

## Associations

- Dallas Bar Association (DBA)
  - Construction Law Section
  - Tort & Insurance Practices Section (TIPS)
  - Community Involvement Committee (CIC)
  - Home Project Committee
- State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals
- Loss Executives Association (LEA)
- Property & Liability Research Bureau (PLRB)
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- TEXO

## Experience

- Confidential settlement for the owner of a salt water disposal facility and its property insurers after the facility was destroyed in an explosion and fire.
- Successfully tried claim for homeowners and their property insurer against an Austin, Texas homebuilder involving the defective construction of an outdoor fireplace that caused a fire resulting in significant property damage.
- Settlement with a recovery of almost 80% of the covered loss for the insurer of a workover rig that collapsed during a windstorm.



- Successfully tried claim for a Fortune 500 Company and its property insurers against an electric utility for fire damage caused by the electric utility's failure to own, operate and maintain its equipment in accordance with good utility practice.
- Confidential settlement for the builder's risk insurer of the construction manager/ general contractor for Texas Christian University's football stadium renovation project after a section of precast seating collapsed during construction.
- Successfully tried claim against a fire sprinkler contractor for water damage to specialty lighting equipment and accessories used in the motion picture and television industries that was caused by the failure of a fire sprinkler pipe in a warehouse.
- Successfully tried claim for damage to a 1994 Winfield Gordon E RV-4 aircraft caused by a runway incursion on a private airstrip.

## Publications

- Co-author, *The Ins and Outs of Waivers of Subrogation*, Texas State Bar Construction Law Conference, March 2021
- Subrogation Alert: Subrogation Claims and Arbitration Clauses in Construction Contracts, Kane Russell Coleman Logan, August 2020
- Residential Construction Defect Case Law Update: Homeowners Not Entitled to Attorney and Expert Fees, Kane Russell Coleman Logan, August 2020
- OSHA Law: Protecting Your Employees and Your Company from Employee Misconduct, TEXO Association IN FOCUS Summer Magazine, June 2020
- Executive Order GA-14 - Summary for Construction Services, Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC, April 2020
- Impacts on the Construction Industry from Texas' 86th Legislative Session (3-Part Series), Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC, February 2020
- *Case Summary: Overcoming a Motion to Strike and Exclude Expert Testimony in Fire Cases*, Subrogator Magazine, Spring/Summer 2017, at 26
- *Unwitting Waiver of the Attorney/Client Privilege*, 30th Annual Construction Law Conference sponsored by The Construction Law Foundation of Texas and The Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas in cooperation with The Texas Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Mar. 2, 2017
- Texas Supreme Court Permits Loss of Use Damages for Destroyed Property, Subrogator Magazine, Spring/Summer 2016, at 124
- *Subrogation Alert: Texas Supreme Court Permits Loss of Use Damages in Total Destruction Case*, Kane Russell Coleman & Logan PC, Jan. 11, 2016
- Amount Recoverable in Subrogation, New Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition ch.162, Sep. 2015
- Subrogation Alert: Texas Statute Affecting Condominium Construction Defect Claims, Kane Russell Coleman & Logan PC, September 10, 2015
- Is the Malfunction Theory Alive and Well in Texas?, SUBROGATOR, Winter 2015, at 100
- *Litigation Alert: Texas Supreme Court Limits Application of the Economic Loss Rule*, Kane Russell Coleman & Logan PC, Sep. 2, 2014
- A Construction Defect Damages Your Client's Property, Now What?, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, August 1, 2014
- Impact of Black + Veony on Subrogation Claims Against Design Professionals, Builders in Texas; Subrogation & Recovery Alert, July 8, 2013
- Recovering an Insured's Deductible – Texas; Subrogation & Recovery Law Blog, May 17, 2013
- Certificate of Merit Requirement in Federal Diversity Cases; Subrogation & Recovery Law Blog, November 17, 2011
- What Lies Beneath, Construction Today, June 1, 2011
- COGSA vs. Carmack - Carmack Does Not Apply to Overseas Shipment under a Single Through Bill of Lading; Subrogation & Recovery Law Blog, June 28, 2010
- COGSA vs. Carmack - United States Supreme Court To Address Carmack's Application To Intermodal Shipments; Subrogation & Recovery Law Blog, March 5, 2010

- Comparative Contract Fault: Using the AIA Documents to Apportion Contract Damages; The Construction Lawyer, April 1, 2006

## Presentations

- *Critical Damages Issues: Property Subrogation Claims*, Property & Liability Resource Bureau Claims Conference & Insurance Services Expo, Apr. 17 & 18, 2018
- *Causes of Action in Texas Construction Law*, The Basic Course in Texas Construction Law, Dec. 1, 2017
- *Absence of a Specific Defect Makes the Manufacturer Stronger – But Not Invincible*, National Association of Subrogation Professionals Annual Conference, Nov. 9, 2015
- *Subrogation Considerations in Fire Claims: NFPA 921 and the Malfunction Theory*, Unified Investigations & Sciences Live Burn 2015, Jan. 28, 2015
- *Understanding and Protecting Your Subrogation Claim*, 2013
- *Avoiding Bad Faith while Preserving Your Subrogation Claim*, Aug. 14, 2013
- *Texas Residential Construction Liability Act (RCLA)*, 2011
- *The TRCCA is Dead; Long Live the RCLA*, Cozen O'Connor 2010 Dallas Subrogation Seminar, 2010
- *Construction Update: TRCCA/TRCLA and Certificates of Merit*, Cozen O'Connor 2009 Dallas Subrogation Seminar, Oct. 20, 2009
- *Arbitration Forums (AF)*, 2008
- *Sovereign Immunity and Statutory Notice Requirements*, 2006

## Community

Since 2008, David has been a member of the Dallas Bar Association (DBA) Home Project Committee, serving as a 2014 Vice-Chair and a Co-Chair from 2015-2020. The DBA Home Project Committee manages the DBA's partnership with Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity to sponsor and build a new Habitat home each year since 1991. The DBA is Dallas Habitat's longest running whole-house sponsor and is proud to have contributed to Dallas Habitat's success in providing affordable housing in Dallas.

# Mark S. Grotefeld

Founding Partner, Austin Office

Mark Grotefeld is a founding member of the firm. Mr. Grotefeld's trial practice is focused on complex civil cases involving matters that are both national and international in scope. Mr. Grotefeld received his B.A. from the University of Arizona in 1978 and his J.D. from the John Marshall Law School in 1981. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1981, the Florida Bar in 1982, and the Texas Bar in 2013. Mr. Grotefeld has served as national and regional counsel in large scale catastrophic loss cases, as well as acting as a lead or co-lead liaison counsel in numerous wildfire matters, explosion events and weather-related occurrences. He has tried matters of national prominence in courts throughout the United States and has lectured on law topics in the United States, Canada and Europe.

In addition to being admitted to the Federal Trial Bar and multiple Federal District Courts, Mr. Grotefeld is licensed to practice before the United States Court of Federal Claims, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Grotefeld's bar associations and professional affiliations include the American, Illinois, Florida, and Texas Bar Associations, the National Association of Subrogation Professionals, The National Fire Protection Association, the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association of Justice.

Mr. Grotefeld served on the National Fire Protection Association's 2017 Task Force that was designated to rewrite the wildland fire investigation protocols found in NFPA 921 and presently serves as a member of NFPA 921's Technical Committee. Mr. Grotefeld frequently presents and lectures at National Association of Subrogation Professional's conferences. As co-chairman of the Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, Mr. Grotefeld has regularly presented and lectured at the WFLC annual conference.

Throughout his career Mr. Grotefeld has achieved a high degree of peer recognition and professional development, which includes his selection as a Super Lawyer in Texas.

**Education**

- University of Arizona, B.A 1978
- The John Marshall Law School, J.D. 1981

**Admissions**

- Texas
- Illinois
- Florida
- United States District Court- Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court- Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court- District of New Mexico
- United States District Court- Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Western District of Texas
- United States District Court- Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- Federal Circuit Court of Appeals
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Federal Trial Bar

**Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- Florida Bar Association
- Illinois Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals
- National Fire Protection Association


**Volunteer / Public Service**

- JMLS Veterans Clinic
- The Nobility Project- Board Member
- Chicago Boys and Girls Club
- Chicago Urban League
- Wildland Fire Litigation Conference
- National Fire Protection Association

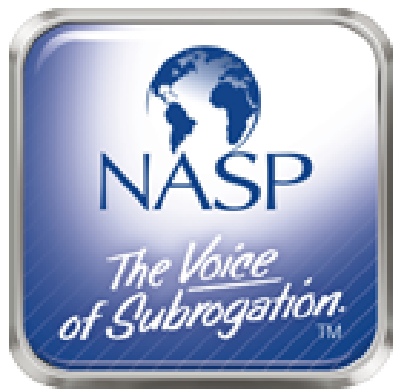


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# Kevin S. Mosley

Partner, Austin Office

Kevin Mosley is a partner with the firm's Austin office. Mr. Mosley currently focuses his practice in the areas of product liability, general civil litigation, intellectual property, and subrogation matters. Mr. Mosley also has extensive experience representing clients in matters stemming from large catastrophic events such as wildland interface fires and explosions.

Mr. Mosley earned his B.A. in Political Science from Southern Methodist University in 2003 and obtained his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2008. During law school, Mr. Mosley received CALI Awards for Excellence in trial advocacy and legal writing, research and analysis. Mr. Mosley earned a Certificate from Chicago-Kent's Labor and Employment Law Clinic and was a member of the Dean's List.

Mr. Mosley is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Texas and is admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois, the United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas, the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

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## Education

- Southern Methodist University B.A. 2003
- Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D. 2008

## Admissions

- Illinois
- Texas
- United States District Court- Colorado
- United States District Court- Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court- Southern District of Illinois
- United States District Court- New Mexico
- United States District Court- Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Western District of Texas



### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Texas State Bar Association
- Austin Bar Association
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance

### **Volunteer / Public Service**

- Chicago-Kent College of Law Mock Interview Volunteer
- International Association of Arson Investigators- Lecturer



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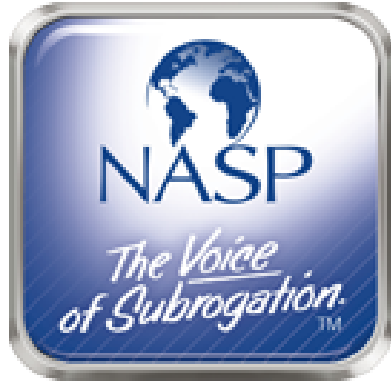
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# Anooj M. Thakrar

Managing Partner, Austin Office

Anooj Thakrar is the managing partner of the firm's Austin office. His practice focuses on general and commercial litigation with an emphasis on large loss property subrogation, construction defect, and product liability matters. Mr. Thakrar also represents the insurance industry on complex claims stemming from wildland fires, hurricanes, explosions, and other catastrophic events.

Mr. Thakrar has a multi-jurisdictional practice and litigates cases throughout the United States. He has tried cases to verdict in both State and Federal courts situated in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Georgia.

Mr. Thakrar is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, the State of Illinois, the United States Court of Federal Claims, the United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas, the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois, the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the District of New Mexico. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the State University of New York College at Geneseo in 1999 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (formerly The John Marshall Law School) in 2003.

Mr. Thakrar is a nominated member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance. He has volunteered his time as an instructor for the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago and as a Judge for The John Marshall Law School's Dean Fred Herzog Moot Court Competition. He also served as an instructor for Fire & Arson Investigator Training at the College of DuPage's Homeland Education Center. He currently serves as an Executive Board Member and General Counsel for the Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America (Austin, Texas). Mr. Thakrar was named a Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. He was named a Rising Star by Texas Super Lawyers in 2017.

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## Education

- State University of New York College at Geneseo, B.A. 1999
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (formerly The John Marshall Law School), J.D. 2003

**Admissions**

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- United States District Court- Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court- Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court- Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court- Western District of Texas
- United States District Court- New Mexico
- United States District Court- Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States Court of Federal Claims

**Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- Texas State Bar Association
- Austin Bar Association
- Austin Asian American Bar Association
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals
- Nominated Member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM Alliance)

**Volunteer / Public Service**

- Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago, Instructor
- The John Marshall Law School, Fred F. Herzog Moot Competition, Judge
- Arson & Fire Investigator Training at the College of DuPage (HEC), Instructor
- Executive Board Member for Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America



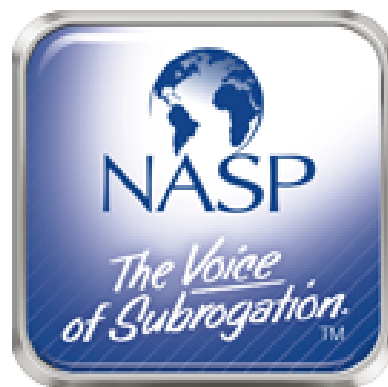


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## Grotefeld Hoffmann

### Insurance Subrogation

Grotefeld Hoffmann is one of the nation's preeminent law firms focusing on property subrogation matters. We have recovered hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of our Fortune 100 subrogation clients. Our attorneys have wide-ranging experience investigating major losses and have successfully prosecuted claims stemming from fires, explosions, water damage, construction defects, product defects, turbine losses, and boiler and machinery failures.

We also lead within the National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP). Our attorneys sit on various national and local chapter NASP boards furthering the objectives of the organization within the subrogation community and beyond. The firm also assists public agencies such as the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) when natural or manmade disaster strikes and property damage results.

Our five offices are positioned to handle subrogation matters throughout the United States, particularly in these key areas:

#### Fires and Explosions

From residential house fires to explosions at commercial facilities, our attorneys and staff notify potentially culpable parties, retain appropriate consultants, secure loss scenes and preserve relevant evidence within 24 hours of being notified of a claim. This comprehensive approach allows us to maximize subrogation recovery for our clients while avoiding hurdles to litigation such as claims of evidence spoliation.

#### Water Losses

Our attorneys work closely with qualified experts examining failures of water and flood control systems, which may be caused by improper design, construction or maintenance, to determine the best avenue of recovery for our subrogation clients.

### Construction Defects

Our results-oriented team of professionals have the skills, knowledge, and experience to pursue builders, developers, designers, architects, general contractors and subcontractors throughout the country for claims caused by poor construction practices.

### Product, Equipment and Machinery Failures

Our attorneys have assembled teams of some of the nation's most well-respected forensic experts in the fields of fire investigation, fire protection, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and metallurgy to assist in investigating and litigating claims involving various household and commercial products, industrial machines and equipment, and commercial vehicles and automobiles. This process allows us to determine the root cause of the failure while under significant time constraints.

### Our Process

We take pride in promptly reporting the status of an investigation, evaluating theories of liability and proposing cost-conscious litigation strategies to our clients. While our goal is to resolve subrogation claims early and in a cost-effective manner, our attorneys investigate and prepare all cases as if trial were inevitable.

This mindset yields favorable results for our clients during pre-suit settlement negotiations, at mediation and arbitration and, if necessary, at trial. We have a proven track record of trying cases to verdict in state and federal jurisdictions throughout the country.