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Alan Dabdoub—Partner at Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann (LPHS)—is a highly sought-after business trial lawyer who represents plaintiffs and defendants in high-stakes disputes across a wide range of industries. Clients and peers credit his record of success to his ability to simplify complex cases, meticulous preparation, and a commanding courtroom presence.

### **A Proven First-Chair Trial Lawyer**

Alan is a first-chair trial lawyer who has tried cases to juries, judges, and arbitrators in some of the most complex commercial disputes in the region. His track record includes a \$12 million judgment for a client in a large commercial dispute following a week-long trial — one of the few cases tried during the COVID pandemic. Most recently, Alan secured a complete arbitration victory for a client in a critical supply contract dispute, winning nearly \$3 million in damages and attorney’s fees after five days of arbitration, while defeating the opposing party’s multi-million counterclaim in its entirety. In a span of six months, Alan first-chaired two multi-day arbitrations and a week long-jury trial—with successful outcomes in each.

Alan’s substantive expertise spans business torts, contract disputes, trade secrets litigation, fiduciary duty litigation, partnership disputes, and bankruptcy litigation. His industry experience is exceptionally broad, encompassing oil and gas, renewable energy, healthcare, financial services, banking, real estate, retail, technology, telecommunications, food manufacturing, logistics, and construction.

### **A Unique Perspective: Both Sides of the “v.”**

What sets Alan apart is the rare vantage point he brings to every engagement. In addition to his extensive trial experience, Alan has served as Chief Litigation Counsel for a large subsidiary of a Fortune 100 Company — giving him firsthand insight into how sophisticated corporate clients evaluate risk, make litigation decisions, and measure results. This perspective informs every aspect of how he builds and tries cases, whether he is pursuing a claim or defending one.

### **Thought Leader and Published Author**

Alan is a prolific author and speaker on cutting-edge legal issues. He has co-authored a series of influential publications including:

- When, Why and How Arbitration Can Help Obtain Better Results at Lower Costs
- Which Costs Less: Arbitration or Litigation?
- Arbitration's Legal Landscape
- 20 Things to Consider When Negotiating Arbitration Provisions
- 5 Things to Know About Texas Arbitration Law

More recently, Alan co-authored a widely read article in Law.com on AI and litigation, advising practitioners and general counsel on how to navigate the discoverability of AI prompts and outputs, protect attorney-client privilege, and manage work product in an era of generative AI. Alan also co-authored the book: "In-House Counsel's Compass: Navigating Privilege, Immunity, and Risk in Texas and Beyond."

Alan also served as a Planning Committee Member and featured speaker for the Texas State Bar's inaugural CLE on the new Texas Business Court in December 2024 — "Handling Your First (or Next) Business Court Case" — where he addressed statistics, case examples, and local rules to prepare lawyers to practice in the newly-formed court.

### **Bar Admissions**

Alan is admitted to practice in Texas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, as well as multiple federal district courts including the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana and the Colorado District Court.

### **Academic Excellence**

Alan earned his B.A. with honors, cum laude, as a scholarship recipient from Louisiana State University, where he achieved Dean's List recognition every year. He earned his J.D. from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he excelled academically, including twice receiving the prestigious Corpus Juris Secundum Award for achieving the highest grades in his class in Torts I and Torts II.

### **Peer Recognition**

Alan's peers and the legal industry have consistently recognized him among the elite of the Dallas legal community:

- Best Lawyers in Dallas — D Magazine (2016, 2020–2022, 2024–2026)
- Best Lawyers in America — Commercial Litigation, every year since 2024
- Texas Super Lawyers — Business Litigation (2023–2026)
- Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star — Business Litigation (2011)

Alan lives in Dallas with his wife, Michelle Ackal Dabdoub, and their three children, Grant, Ava, and Sloane.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Arcosa Traffic and Lighting Structures, LLC; Arcosa Telecom Structures, LLC and Arcosa, Inc. v. Fortuler Steel Structures, Inc. and Jason Bell; Cause No. DC-23-17773; 298th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas. Obtained temporary restraining order and permanent injunction against defendants, enjoining them from competing against plaintiffs in the *traffic structures industry* and obtaining an additional year on the non-compete agreement and the non-solicitation agreement.
- Scout Energy Management, LLC v. DCP Midstream, CPR File No. G-24-6-NA; A \$20 million arbitration representing an oil and gas producer as plaintiff against a *pipeline company* for shorting the producer on payments.
- PNC Bank, NA v. Moss Adams, LLP, v. Moss Adams LLP, Cause No. 22-11116, 14th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas; A lawsuit representing *PNC Bank* as plaintiff in a \$15 million claim against a nationally known audit firm.
- Lucid Energy Delaware, LLC v. Murchison Oil and Gas, Cause No. D-503-CV-2020-00843, Fifth Judicial District Court, County of Eddy, State of New Mexico; This matter arose out *Murchison Oil and Gas, LLC*'s failure to reimburse Targa for millions spent in building a pipeline and gas plants to transport and treat Murchison's gas. This matter was set for a jury trial on February 13, 2023 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The Court granted Lucid's motion for summary judgment shortly before trial, dismissing one of Murchison's primary counterclaims. The Court also granted Murchison's motion for summary judgment as to a portion of Lucid's damages. The case settled on the eve of trial due in part to the Court's favorable ruling for Lucid.
- Emerald Capital Advisors Corp., as Liquidating Trustee of Valeritas Holdings, Inc. v. Timberlake, et al., Adv. No. 22-50108 (JKS) (Bank. D. Del.); This matter arose out of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy

filing of insulin pump maker *Valeritas, Inc.* In connection with the Chapter 11 plan approved by the Delaware bankruptcy court, the Liquidating Trustee Emerald Capital Advisors, LLC retained Alan to pursue breach of fiduciary duty claims against former officers and directors of Valeritas. Through Alan's investigation and assessment of the case, he determined there were viable claims against the former officers and directors, based on the breach of duty of oversight ("Caremark" claims). Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the Caremark claims. Due to the pleaded Complaint, our response to the Motion to Dismiss, and our Motion to Strike Defendants' Appendix in support of their Motion to Dismiss, the case settled for a very favorable sum, resulting in an approximately 40 percent recovery for unsecured creditors.

- *Arcosa Wind Towers, Inc. v. Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, Inc. and Siemens Energy, Inc.*; Cause No. DC-19-13334; 192nd Judicial District Court, Dallas County, Texas; Trial victory representing the plaintiff *Arcosa Wind Towers, Inc.* ("Arcosa") in a large commercial dispute (over ten figures) related to a Supply and Reservation Agreement regarding the sale of wind towers to defendants. On behalf of Plaintiff, obtained findings against defendants of breach of contract and also obtained findings that the defendants did not act in good faith in their negotiations and dealings with Arcosa.
- *WGS Associates, Inc. v. MUSA Financial, LLC*, Cause No. DC-18-12806, 162nd Judicial District Court, Dallas County, Texas; Alan won a take nothing judgment at trial for defendant *MUSA Financial, LLC* (the lender on a \$30 million FHA multi-family loan for a large apartment complex in Dallas) as to breach of contract claims brought by a loan broker.
- *Stars and Stripes Logistics, LLC v. Imagine Communications Corp.*, Cause No. 219-06669-2018; in the 219th Judicial District Court, Collin County, Texas; On behalf of *Defendant Imagine Communications Corp.*, obtained victory by achieving dismissal of breach of contract and quantum meruit claims with prejudice, after full evidentiary hearing, involving documents and live witnesses, and also obtained a full award of attorney's fees (over \$100,000) in favor of client Imagine Communications Corp.
- *Heart to Heart Hospice, LLC, et al. v. Falcon South Plains Hospital, LP, et al.*, Cause No. 471-00080-2020, in the 471st Judicial District Court, Collin County, Texas; On behalf of two defendants, as a result of filing a motion for summary judgment, obtained victory by securing voluntary dismissal of Plaintiff's claim against clients seeking equitable tolling of the non-solicitation and non-compete agreements at issue.
- *Austin Maintenance and Construction Company, Inc. v. Praxair, Inc.*; Cause No. 105833-CV, in the District Court of Brazoria County, Texas; After discovery, obtained favorable settlement for defendant *Praxair, Inc.* in a large construction dispute wherein amount in controversy was ten figures.
- *Austin Maintenance and Construction Company, Inc. v. Praxair, Inc.*; Cause No. 19-CV-2230, in the 212th Judicial District Court of Galveston County, Texas; After discovery, obtained favorable settlement for defendant *Praxair, Inc.* in a large construction dispute wherein amount in controversy was ten figures.

- Bench trial for **Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc.** (Plaintiff) in contract and alter ego suit. Obtained judgment for all damages requested, pre and post-judgment interest, and attorneys' fees.
- Jury trial in federal court representing **Caretech Supplies, LLC** (Plaintiff) in a contract dispute. Recovered vast majority of amount in controversy.
- Evidentiary hearing (opening statement, direct and cross examinations and closing argument) representing **Imagine Communications Corp.**, (Defendant) securing dismissal of all claims against Imagine and obtaining award of all attorney's fees in favor of Imagine.
- Arbitration before JAMS representing defendant executive against claims of breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, tortious interference with contract, tortious interference with prospective business relations, and against claim seeking injunctive relief. After full arbitration hearing involving several witnesses, secured award in favor of defendant executive, defeating all claims brought against defendant.
- Jury trial for **FedEx Express** (Defendant) in federal court in Austin, Texas; defense verdict.
- Bench trial for **FedEx Express** (Defendant) in New Jersey; judgment in favor of defendant.
- Won dismissal and attorney's fees award for client sued for tortious interference with contract, tortious interference with prospective business relations, intentional infliction of emotional distress and civil conspiracy claims.
- Won temporary restraining order and permanent injunction for **pediatric home health care company** against its former president for violation of a non-compete agreement.
- Won temporary restraining order and permanent injunction for **pediatric home health care company** against its former director of nursing for violation of a non-compete agreement.
- Won injunction for **Cryo Generation, Inc.** in trademark infringement case.
- Secured dismissal of claims against **Nike, Inc.** in an alleged failure to warn case regarding a Nike Dri-Fit product.
- Represented **Nike** in Robinson-Patman Act and Sherman Act case related to Nike Golf products. The claims against Nike were dismissed.
- Key role on team representing **Energy Transfer** that defeated Swift Energy's \$145 million dollar claims alleging that a disposal well prevented the development of oil and gas leases in South Texas.
- Defeated class certification on behalf of **Samsung Electronics America, Inc.** in a consumer class action alleging breach of express and implied warranties.
- Defended **Columbus Data Services, LLC** against consumer class action brought under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act. All class action claims were dismissed.
- Represented **SpectraWatt, Inc.** (Plaintiff) in bankruptcy litigation related to multi-million dollar purchase of silicon that resulted in a favorable settlement.
- Represented **litigation trustee** (Plaintiff) against Chapter 7 debtor Color Star Grower's former auditing firm in breach of fiduciary duty claims.
- Represented **litigation trustee** (Plaintiff) against Chapter 7 debtor Color Star Grower's former investment bank in fiduciary duty claims.
- Represented **cattle company** (Plaintiff) in a breach of contract claim against a food distributor in

Houston, Texas. After taking several depositions and obtaining a court order that the contract was exclusive such that the best efforts obligation applied, the case settled favorably.

- Represented ***Driver Pipeline Company, Inc.*** (Plaintiff) in arbitration related to construction of a pipeline in South Texas during substantial weather challenges. Obtained favorable settlement for Driver Pipeline.
- Represented ***former restaurant executives*** in alleged trade secret misappropriation and alleged breach of non-solicit case in federal court.
- Defended ***former officers and directors of consumer goods companies*** in adversary proceedings arising out of Chapter 7 bankruptcy in Eastern District of Texas.
- Represented ***limited partner*** in a partnership dispute that resulted in recovery of assets and other partnership interests being assigned to client.
- Represented ***Regency Energy Partners LP*** regarding alleged subsurface trespass related to disposal well in South Texas that resolved favorably.
- Represented former shareholders in fraudulent transfer multi-district litigation in the Southern District of New York related to the ***Tribune Company's*** bankruptcy filing.
- Represented ***tenant*** in a multi-million dollar purchase option dispute regarding the enforceability of an option to purchase that resulted in a favorable settlement.
- Represented ***Regency Energy Partners LP*** in a significant force majeure contractual dispute that resolved favorably.
- Represented ***Driver Pipeline Company, Inc.*** in a trade secrets claim that resulted in the court issuing a temporary restraining order in favor of Driver. The ability to act quickly and obtain emergency relief was critical.
- Represented ***Tolleson Wealth Management*** in an alleged trade secrets misappropriation claim. Through Mr. Dabdoub's aggressive approach and early representation, the case resolved without the need for litigation.
- Represented ***La Madeleine*** in a non-compete dispute with a competitor related to the hiring of two executives. The matter resolved favorably short of a full-blown arbitration.
- Represented ***PVR Partners, L.P.*** related to allocation dispute arising under purchase agreement.
- Represented ***Liquid Environmental Solutions, LLC*** related to alleged tortious interference and civil conspiracy claims. Through Mr. Dabdoub's representation, the claims were non-suited.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Analysis on In re McDonald's Corporation Stockholder Derivative Litigation, 2023 WL 387292 (Del.Ch., 2023)*
- *What you Need To Know About the New Texas Business Courts and How They Will Work, GC Netweavers, September 21, 2023*
- *Data Protection and Cybersecurity In the Time of COVID, GC Netweavers, September 17, 2020*

- *Don't Get Anti-Slapped; What You Need to Know About the TCPA*, GC Netweavers, March 21, 2019
- *Preventing Loss and Damages in Trade Secrets: What You Need to Know About Unfair Competition*, The Knowledge Group, July 2, 2018
- *Trade Secrets in the 2018 Landscape: What's In and What's Out*, The Knowledge Group, January 11, 2018
- *Class Action Settlement Objections, What You Need to Know in 2017*, The Knowledge Group, August 29, 2017
- *Emerging Issues: The Cutting-Edge of Qui Tam Developments - What's New For 2015*, The Knowledge Group/Live Webcast Series, August 2015
- *Protecting Trade Secrets in Asset Sale Negotiations*, GC Netweavers, July 2015
- *Class Actions: Effectively Controlling Litigation Costs*, American Conference Institute, New York, October 2013
- *Arbitration: When, Why and How it Can Control Litigation Costs*, American Conference Institute, Chicago, Illinois, April 30-May 1, 2013
- *Effective Litigation Management for In-House and Outside Counsel*, Dallas Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section, February 7, 2012
- *To Go to Trial or Not: The Internal Discussion*, Lynn Tillotson Pinker and Cox, LLP's Dinner Speaker Series IV, Dallas, Texas, February 2011
- *Understanding Juries: To Go to Trial or Not, Inside the Corporate Boardroom*, Texas State Bar CLE, San Antonio, Texas, July 2009
- *Stack the Critics in Your Corner: Frame Your Voir Dire as an Audition*, The Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas, April 2009
- *Risks and Benefits of Utilizing Binding Arbitration Provisions in Complex Litigation*, American Conference Institute, Managing Complex Litigation Conference, New York, New York, February 2008

## EDUCATION

- Louisiana State University, B.A., *cum laude*
- Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center, J.D.
  - Corpus Juris Secundum Award recipient

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Texas Bar Foundation, Member

- Texas General Counsel Forum - Austin-San Antonio Chapter, Board of Directors
- LPHS Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet Scholarship Program, Liaison
- City of Dallas Civil Service Board, Adjunct Member, 2009
- Center for Non-Profit Management, Dallas TX, Pro-Bono Counsel, 2007-2009
- Texas General Counsel Forum - DFW Chapter, Board of Directors
- Co-Chair of Texas General Counsel Forum 28th Annual Conference

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- When, Why and How Arbitration Can Help Obtain Better Results at Lower Costs
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## **ADMISSIONS**

- Texas State Bar
- Louisiana State Bar
- Tennessee State Bar
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana
- Colorado District Court