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Jason Dennis is a creative problem solver in and out of the courtroom. Although some surveys estimate that 99 percent of cases settle, Jason regularly takes multi-million dollar cases to trial. His innovative legal strategies—paired with decades of courtroom experience—have helped resolve complex cases in commercial and business litigation, intellectual property, insurance, securities, real estate, energy litigation, construction, and more. Jason has successfully litigated against a foreign country, handled trade secret disputes, and represented bankruptcy trustees in recovering fraudulent transfers against former directors and officers.

After attending Davidson College as a Kelley Scholar and Bank of America Scholar, Jason concurrently enrolled at the University of South Carolina's School of Law and Moore School of Business. In 2000, Jason graduated Order of the Coif, ***cum laude***, and Order of the Barristers from the School of Law, and graduated from the Moore School of Business with an International Masters in Business Administration. As part of his program, Jason spent six months working for a law firm in Buenos Aires.

Jason began his legal career by clerking for the Honorable Henry Coke Morgan, Jr., in the Eastern District of Virginia. After focusing on trial skills, Jason went on to clerk for the Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit where he worked on more than 50 appeals before the Sixth and Eleventh Circuits and observed more than 100 oral arguments.

Jason began his private practice in 2002 with the international law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in their Washington, D.C. office. He spent two years working on white-collar criminal cases, SEC enforcement litigation, class action litigation, and general civil litigation. In 2004, he moved to Dallas and joined LPHS, where he has focused on complex business litigation and taking cases to trial as an associate and partner.

In addition to being named a Master Trial Advocate by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Jason has also been recognized by ***Texas Monthly*** as a Rising Star from 2008-2014 and a Super Lawyer from 2015-2021.

But his biggest points of pride are his two children Maren and Ean, and his wife Sarah.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Appointed as special counsel to represent the bankruptcy Trustee of Ronco in a multi-million dollar lawsuit against the directors and officers of the company.
- Tried a labor arbitration that resulted in an important judgment for his clients.
- Defended a securities fraud lawsuit against a real estate developer resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Represented a real estate developer in an action against his partners that resulted in a favorable settlement after a successful injunction hearing.
- Tried a multi-million dollar minority oppression case in Dallas County.
- Represented an insurance broker against deceptive trade practices claims.
- Represented an investor in a securities fraud lawsuit against an investment bank resulting in a confidential settlement.
- Tried a multi-million dollar securities fraud lawsuit in state court on behalf of several hedge funds.
- Defended several individuals and companies during investigations by the SEC and CFTC.
- Defended a complex breach of contract and tortious interference jury trial for a national franchisor. After cross-examination of the plaintiffs, their counsel immediately offered to settle the case for less than 10 percent of their pre-trial demand.
- Prosecuted to verdict a case involving an oral partnership agreement. The jury awarded his client a significant judgment. When the defendants tried to hide their assets, Jason pursued them with a separate fraudulent transfer action and obtained an injunction against the transfer of any assets.
- Obtained a favorable settlement in a securities fraud action against a financial institution.
- Obtained another favorable settlement in a case alleging deceptive insurance practices.
- Tried a bench trial involving a securities fraud claim against several individuals and their bank resulting in a substantial judgment.

EDUCATION

- Davidson College, B.A., 1996
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  - Bank of America Scholar
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ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- South Carolina
- District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Sixth Circuits
- United States District Courts for District of South Carolina
- United States District Courts for District of D.C.
- Northern District of Texas
- Southern District of Texas
- Eastern District of Texas
- Western District of Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Real Estate Litigation,* CLE Presentation
- *Post-Closing Issues in Real-Estate Litigation,* CLE Presentation
- *Texas Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act,* CLE Presentation
- *Court Applies Successor in Interest Liability Under CERCLA, SE Envtl. L.J.,* 1997

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Law clerk for the Honorable Henry Coke Morgan, Jr., in the Eastern District of Virginia, known as the "Rocket Docket."
- Law clerk for the Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

PUBLICATIONS

- *How to Recover Attorneys' Fees in Texas* published by ***Texas Lawyer,*** 2011, 2013 and 2014
- E. Jason Dennis & Carter S. Plotkin, *The Guarantor's Lifebuoy in the Bankruptcy Ocean*, SMU Law Review Forum, 2026

HONORS & AWARDS

- "Best Lawyers in Dallas," by **D Magazine**, 2025
- "Texas Super Lawyer," by ***Super Lawyers***, 2015-2024

- "Rising Star," by ***Super Lawyers***, 2008-2014