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Michael J. Watson is an experienced mediator and trial lawyer whose practice focuses on tort and commercial litigation in state and federal courts across Texas. His areas of expertise include insurance coverage litigation, professional liability defense and business disputes. Mr. Watson regularly advises clients on insurance coverage and risk mitigation and has extensive experience in assisting clients in identifying and defending questionable or fraudulent claims. He has been awarded an AV Preeminent peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Practice Areas:

- Mediation
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Litigation
- Defense of Errors and Omissions claims

Honors:

- Awarded AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, *Martindale-Hubbell*
- Order of the Lytae
- South Texas Law Review

Bar Admissions:

- All Texas Courts
- United States District Court, Northern, Southern and Eastern District of Texas

Education:

- South Texas College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1998
- West Texas A&M University, B.S., magna cum laude, 1995

Professional Associations:

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Member: International Association of Special Investigation Units
- Member: North Texas Chapter of International Association of Special Investigation Units

Publications and Seminars:

- Presenter: Circle of Excellence 2015
- Presenter: “*Prompt Payment of Claims and the Texas Insurance Code*”
- Presenter: “*Investigating and Defending Arson Claims*” North Texas IASIU – Insurance Fraud Seminar
- Author: “When is it Bad Faith to Settle for Policy Limits?” Dallas Bar Association, Headnotes, Tort and Insurance Law