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## Reid's practice focuses on litigation and appeals in the areas of tort, personal injury, and commercial torts.

### Credentials

- Baylor Law School
  J.D.
- Northwestern University
  B.A., Psychology
- Admitted to practice:
  Texas
  U.S. District Court for the Southern and Western Districts of Texas

Representing Fortune 50, Fortune 500, and publicly traded companies, he has significant trial and litigation experience and has obtained numerous dismissals and summary judgments in state and federal courts and in arbitrations for clients including government contractors, medical research institutions, energy companies, transportation companies, and professional service companies.

Reid is recognized in personal injury litigation as a "Texas Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers* and by *Best Lawyers in America*. Prior to joining the firm, he was a partner at Hartline Barger in Waco.

## Experience

- **Confidential**. Represented the largest retailer in the world at trial in a wrongful death case filed in Nueces County, Texas. The plaintiffs asked the jury to award $240 million and find our client jointly and severally liable. The jury returned a defense verdict as to our client.
- **Schlumberger Tech. Corp. v. Pasko**. Served as lead appellate counsel for Schlumberger Technology Corporation on appeal in the Texas Supreme Court, successfully overturning an adverse judgment based on the latent occupational disease rule. The Court granted review, reversed the adverse judgment, and rendered judgment for Schlumberger, clarifying the discovery rule's application to latent injuries asserted in toxic tort cases.
- **Hencely v. Fluor Corp**.Represented a multinational engineering and construction firm and government contractor in parallel litigation filed in the Northern District of Texas (*Loquasto*) and in the District of South Carolina (*Hencely*), arising from a suicide bombing at a military base in Afghanistan. In *Loquasto*, we obtained a dismissal for lack of subject matter jurisdiction under the Political Question Doctrine. *See Loquasto v. Fluor Corp*., Inc., 512 F. Supp. 3d 728 (N.D. Tex. 2021). In *Hencely*, we obtained summary judgment based on the Federal Tort Claims Act's "combatant activities" exception.
- **Certified Value, Inc. d/b/a Kidsteam v. Infinite Play Co., Ltd**. Served as lead appellate counsel for Infinite Play Co., Ltd. on appeal in the Thirteenth Court of Appeals, successfully affirming a judgment in favor of Infinite Play on claims of fraud, breach of contract, breach of warranty, and violations of the DTPA.

## Professional Honors & Affiliations

- *Best Lawyers in America* in Personal Injury Litigation & Appellate Law, 2022-2027
- "Texas Rising Star," in Personal Injury Litigation by Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers,* 2019-2023

- Member: McLennan County Bar Association