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Richard A. “Dick” Schwartz

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OVERVIEW

For more than 45 years working as a successful trial lawyer, Dick has tried more than 65 cases. He has handled cases in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, New York and California, representing clients in state and federal courts in various types of disputes, including complex commercial litigation, breach of contract, business break-ups, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, insurance, environmental, labor and employment, intellectual property, securities, personal injury and professional liability matters.

In addition to his complex commercial trial practice, Dick counsels clients and handles cases regarding employment contracts, terminations and separations, claims of discrimination and retaliation, breach of non-competition/non-solicitation/confidentiality agreements and theft of trade secrets. He also performs independent investigations for companies on a variety of issues.

Dick is committed to finding prompt and cost-effective solutions to his clients’ problems. He is known for his ability to understand complex matters; identify the key issues; and develop, execute and assess strategies to accomplish his clients’ goals.

Dick has taken industry courses in refining, refinery economics, practical drilling technology and well control. He obtained the International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) certification for well control at the supervisor level. Dick completed Harvard Law School's program on Negotiation and Leadership; Harvard Law School Master Class: Advanced Negotiation Strategies; the University of Houston A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center's comprehensive course in Commercial Arbitration (Domestic and International) and obtained a certificate in Advanced Arbitration Skills and A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center 40-hour mediator training.

Since 2019, Dick has served as an Adjunct Professor at The University of Houston Law Center, where he teaches a course on the legal and ethical responsibilities of members of the legal profession. In 2022, he completed his second six-year term on the State Bar of Texas District 4 Grievance Committee, where he also served as Chairman.

ACHIEVEMENTS

American Inns of Court – 2022 “Lawyer of Distinction”

Garland Walker American Inn of Court (Founding Member; Executive Director)

Houston Bar Association – Justice Eugene A. Cook Professionalism Award (2026)

Houston Bar Association – Sustaining Life Fellow

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Thomson Reuters – Texas Super Lawyers (2007-2012; 2014-2018)

Woodward/White, Inc. – Best Lawyers in America, Arbitration (2011-2026); Commercial Litigation (2008-2026); Litigation – Labor and Employment (2011-2026); Mediation (2022-2026); "Lawyer of the Year“; (2011-2023)

MEMBERSHIPS

District 4 State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee (Committee Chairman; Panel Member)

Federal Bar Association, South Texas Chapter (Board of Directors; Former President, Treasurer, Secretary and National Delegate)

Garland Walker Inn of Court (Board of Directors; Current Executive Director)

Houston Bar Association, Houston Lawyer Referral Service (Board of Trustees, 2010-2011)

Houston Bar Association, Speakers Bureau

National Inns of Court Foundation (Fifth Circuit Trustee, 2007-2015)

State Bar of Texas, Texas Pattern Jury Charge (Oil and Gas Committee)

Texas Bar Foundation (Life Fellow)

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (Member, 2000-2019; Committee to Revise the ADR Rules of the Local Rules; Standing ADR Panel)



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