

KENT M. ADAMS

EXEMPLAR TRIAL EXPERIENCE

Kent M. Adams | Partner
713.353.2004
kent.adams@wilsonelser.com



CONFIDENTIAL

60th Judicial District Court,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Wrongful Death/Premises Death

Plaintiff's decedent died in house fire; plaintiff demanded in excess of \$1 million. Jury verdict of no liability. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont
Wrongful Death/Excessive Force

Police officer fired a slug from a 12-gauge shotgun, killing an unarmed suspect following high-speed chase. Jury found no liability. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

239th Judicial District,
Brazoria County, Angleton, Texas
Wrongful Death/Toxic Tort (mesothelioma death)

Alleged household asbestos exposure case. Plaintiff asked jury to award \$20 million to widow and six grown children of decedent. Defense jury verdict. Featured as "Case of Note" in *Verdict Search*. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont
Wrongful Death/Jones Act

Peruvian sailor killed aboard ship in Port Arthur, Texas. Minimal verdict at trial, plaintiff zeroed out at Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found no jurisdiction. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont
Wrongful Death/Excessive Force

Plaintiff's decedent died in sheriff's custody. Jury found no liability. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

County Court at Law No. 2,
Smith County, Tyler, Texas

Products Liability/Silicosis/Asbestosis
(mixed dust pneumoconiosis)

Plaintiffs demanded \$49.6 million from jury following four-week trial. Jury found no liability against all four plaintiffs. Note: *The National Law Journal* named this a "Top Ten Defense Verdict in the United States." Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

Judicial District Court,
Harris County, Houston, Texas

Wrongful Death/Motor Vehicle

Plaintiffs sought more than \$1 million from our client. Trial court granted our motion for summary judgment, finding no liability. Court of Appeals affirmed. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

136th Judicial District Court,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas

**Wrongful Death/Products Liability/
Liquor Liability**

Major plaintiffs' firm brought multimillion-dollar case against the liquor industry for failure to warn. Trial court granted our motion for summary judgment. Texas Supreme Court affirmed. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

136th Judicial District Court,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas

Wrongful Death/Motor Vehicle

Plaintiffs asked jury to award more than \$1 million from our client. Jury awarded fraction of that amount, less than our pre-trial offer.

CONFIDENTIAL

172nd Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Products Liability/Motor Vehicle Accident
(defective tire/vehicle rollover)

Plaintiff alleged broken neck. Jury verdict of no liability. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

224th Judicial District,
Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas
Construction/Toxic Tort (occupational illnesses)

Various occupational diseases alleged by more than 6,000 plaintiffs. Summary judgments of no liability granted against all plaintiffs for our client, a major international engineering, design and construction firm. One co-defendant paid \$25 million to settle. Affirmed by San Antonio Court of Appeals. Named "Case of the Week" by *The Texas Lawyer*. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

58th Judicial District Court,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Motor Vehicle

Plaintiff, son of prominent then-incumbent elected public official in Jefferson County alleged serious bodily injuries in connection with motor vehicle accident. Jury defense verdict. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

136th Judicial District Court,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Motor Vehicle Accident

Plaintiff passengers in pickup truck that was rear-ended by our client's vehicle claimed serious personal injuries. Jury found no liability. Verdict: \$0.

CONFIDENTIAL

260th Judicial District Court,
Orange County, Orange, Texas
Personal Injury

Plaintiff demanded more than \$1 million from jury. Defendant accused of physically assaulting minor during sports event. Jury verdict of approximately 10% of jury demand and 50% less than our pre-trial offer.

CONFIDENTIAL

136th Judicial District Court,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Personal Injury

Plaintiff claimed serious on-the-job injury. Jury defense verdict. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

163rd Judicial District Court,
Orange County, Orange, Texas
Premises/Personal Injury

Plaintiff alleged injuries from slip and fall. Jury defense verdict. Verdict: \$0.

CONFIDENTIAL

1st Judicial District Court,
Jasper County, Jasper, Texas
Personal Injury

Plaintiff claimed work-related serious bodily injury. Jury defense verdict.
Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

136th Judicial District,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Premises/Major Personal Injury

Plaintiff demanded more than \$500,000 from jury. Jury awarded less than \$8,000, well below pre-trial offer.

CONFIDENTIAL

1st Judicial District,
Jasper County, Jasper, Texas
Premises/Personal Injury

Minor plaintiff claimed serious injury suffered at Kenny Chesney concert at Wal-Mart. Jury found no liability. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

128th Judicial District Court,
Orange County, Orange, Texas
Premises/Personal Injury

Plaintiff alleged serious injuries following supermarket slip and fall.
Jury defense verdict. Verdict: \$0.

CONFIDENTIAL

County Court at Law No. 1,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Premises/Personal Injury

Plaintiff alleged back injury from fall from chair in dental office.
Jury defense verdict. Verdict \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Southern District of Texas, Galveston
Products Liability/Amputated Foot

Directed verdict granted during trial, judge finding no liability on our product defendant. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

136th Judicial District,
Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas
Products Liability/Mangled Arm

Doctor claimed permanent disability from arm injury sustained in bank's drive-through automatic teller machine. Jury verdict less than a third of our pre-trial offer.

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles
Products Liability/Quadriplegia

Defense of major international tire manufacturer in blowout/automobile rollover case resulting in full quadriplegia. Court granted our motion for summary judgment. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

81st Judicial District Court,
Harris County, Houston, Texas
Products Liability (oil field accident)

Plaintiff's jury verdict in traumatic brain injury case successfully settled while on appeal.

CONFIDENTIAL

88th Judicial District Court,
Hardin County, Koontz, Texas
Products Liability/Food Poisoning

Defense verdict. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

128th Judicial District Court,
Orange County, Orange, Texas
Premises Liability/Slip and Fall

Minimal verdict for plaintiff in case of clear liability on our client.

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont
Employment/Wrongful Termination

Verdict for plaintiff at trial was less than one third of the plaintiff's demand to jury. Verdict zeroed out on appeal by Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont

Employment

(alleged discrimination based on disability)

Plaintiff claimed discrimination because of his disability. Jury defense verdict. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Northern District of Texas, Dallas

Insurance Coverage

Plaintiff obtained \$8.5 million verdict at underlying trial versus insured represented by other counsel; plaintiff sued defendant's insurer to collect; we defended insurer. Plaintiff zeroed out at trial. Affirmed by Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

2nd Judicial District Court,
Cherokee County, Rusk, Texas

Insurance Coverage (bad faith claim handling)

Plaintiff argued for \$1 million in punitive damages. Jury awarded \$10.00.

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont

Civil Rights

Excessive force/misuse of city property. Jury found no liability. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont

Civil Rights

Alleged police excessive force. Jury defense verdict for City of Bridge City, Texas. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

128th Judicial District Court,
Orange County, Orange, Texas

Civil Rights

Negligence and excessive force. Jury verdict of no liability. Verdict: \$0

CONFIDENTIAL

United States District Court,
Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont
Civil Rights

Alleged police excessive force. Instructed verdict for City of Port Arthur, Texas, granted by U.S. District Judge at close of plaintiff's case.
Verdict: \$0