



J. Gregory Taylor

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Greg Taylor is a founding partner of Diamond McCarthy LLP, and has been a trial lawyer since 1986. He has handled a wide variety of international and domestic disputes before federal and state trial and appellate courts, often from the plaintiff's side. He has substantial experience with litigation touching international borders, insolvency-related litigation, and professional/fiduciary liability. He is experienced in the mediation and arbitration of commercial disputes, as well as their judicial resolution either domestically or in parallel with proceedings abroad. Greg is also the firm's administrative partner.

Greg has extensive experience in:

- Professional liability (corporate officers and directors, attorneys, auditors and investment bankers). Such cases typically involve issues relating to breaches of fiduciary duty, professional negligence/malpractice, negligent misrepresentation, potential fee disgorgements, and related insurance coverage issues.
- International litigation and arbitration. Such cases often involve issues regarding jurisdiction and venue challenges, securing documents and obtaining testimony from witnesses abroad, managing parallel litigation in multiple jurisdictions, resolving conflicts of law from competing jurisdictions, and determining the validity or applicability of any forum selection or arbitration provisions in international contracts.
- Complex litigation involving breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, breach of contract, tortious interference, or causes of action based on foreign law.
- Financial frauds, including the manipulation of financial statements, audit opinions, and securities markets.
- Multi-district litigation.
- Federal and State appeals.

Examples of a few of the matters Greg has handled include:

- Representation of Joint Official Liquidators for companies in the Cayman Islands in connection with the collapse of Parmalat, the Italian international food conglomerate. MDL proceedings in the case are pending in the Southern District of New York, with related proceedings pending in North Carolina, Illinois, Grand Cayman, Milan, Parma, and various other jurisdictions throughout the world. This on-going matter involves damages exceeding a billion dollars.
- Representation of an international Dutch financial institution against one of the United Kingdom's largest banks in parallel litigation in California and England. Competing claims in the case exceed \$100 million.

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- Representation of a large privately-held company in litigation relating to the development of a major oil and gas field in Southeast Asia, with more than ten billion dollars in alleged damages.
- Representation of numerous U.S. bankruptcy trustees and Litigation Trusts in disputes and trials against Big 4 auditing firms, former corporate officers and directors, national and international law firms, and investment banks. Greg has handled such matters in Texas, New York, Florida, Mississippi, and California, and has overseen related litigation in Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and the Caribbean.
- Representation of a publicly-traded Canadian company in connection with litigation in Illinois against a large U.S. corporation and its international auditor for financial statement and securities fraud.
- The successful contingent-fee representation of an Austin businessman in the pursuit of bad faith insurance claims against Western Heritage Insurance Co. A three-week jury trial resulted in a \$6 million jury verdict, which was later settled for \$2.5 million.
- Representation of a U.S. oil and gas company in litigation and arbitration relating to the development of a gas field in the Norwegian North Sea. This matter involved parallel proceedings in the United States and Germany.
- Representation of an Italian oil and gas company in parallel litigation in the United States and the United Kingdom relating to the construction of a pipeline and refining facility in the British North Sea.
- Representation of the rock group, Genesis, and the founders of Showco (an international sound company) and Vari-Lite (an international stage-lighting company) in litigation relating to the creation of automated stage lighting and the profits resulting from that invention.
- Representation of various corporations in litigation arising from leveraged buy-outs.
- Representation of partners in a real estate venture that constructed a major office building in a fraud/breach of fiduciary suit against their general partner/real estate developer who directed potential tenants to other buildings in which he owned a larger interest.
- Representation of various companies in connection with securities fraud litigation, in Texas, New York, Illinois and Colorado.
- Defense of claims against officers and directors of companies in the medical and telecom industries, and related litigation against insurance carriers involving coverage disputes.

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- Numerous Federal and State appeals, including proceedings in the United States Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal (including an en banc argument), the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal, and various Texas and California Courts of Appeal. Greg also has assisted in proceedings before the English Court of Appeal, the Cayman Island Court of Appeal, the House of Lords, and the English Privy Council.

In connection with these areas of practice, Greg has handled multi-month jury trials, secured settlements or judgments exceeding \$150 million, and has argued numerous times before federal and state appellate courts.

Greg is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association, the Fifth Circuit Bar Association and the Dallas Bar Association; an honorary member of the Commercial Bar Association of England and Wales; and a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Greg lectures at continuing legal education seminars on various topics, including international trial and discovery issues, auditing and legal malpractice, and federal court discovery.

Greg received his undergraduate B.B.A. (accounting) degree, *magna cum laude*, from Texas A&M University in 1983, and his law degree, with honors, from the University of Texas in 1986. While in law school, he served as Associate Editor of the Texas Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif. Greg was first named to Texas Monthly's list of Texas Super Lawyers in 2006, and has been a Martindale Hubble AV Peer Review Rated lawyer for more than a decade.