



#### Location

Dallas, Texas

#### Education

Cornell University (J.D.,  
*cum laude*, 1983)

- Finalist, Sutherland Cup Moot Court
- Board of Barristers

University of Missouri  
(B.J. in News/Editorial,  
1980) Graduated sixth in  
class

#### Areas of Practice:

Complex & High-Stakes  
Litigation

- Business Divorce Matters - Shareholder Oppression Claims, Partnership Litigation, and Private Company Transactions
- Bankruptcy, Third Party & Professional Liability
- Settlement Counsel in Family Law Divorce
- Intellectual Property

## LADD HIRSCH

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Ladd Hirsch is a business-oriented, highly successful trial attorney with 30 years experience representing clients in complex business litigation matters and arbitration proceedings. Ladd joined Diamond McCarthy as a partner in 2006. Previously, Ladd was a founding partner of a Dallas-based litigation boutique. Before starting his own firm, Ladd practiced for almost 20 years with Haynes and Boone, LLP, a full-service law firm, where Ladd headed up its Business Litigation Practice Group in Dallas.

Ladd's practice is characterized by his tenacity and creativity in handling the prosecution and defense of significant multi-party business litigation matters. Ladd has had extensive experience handling complex business disputes presenting claims for breach of contract, fraud, minority shareholder oppression, violations of fiduciary duties, breach of non-compete covenants, theft of trade secrets and business defamation. He has litigated claims arising in all of the following industries: manufacturing, commercial lending and financing, construction, computer software, insurance, real estate, beer distribution, retail sales, health care, food service, and video games. Ladd represents both plaintiffs and defendants in business cases under hourly, contingent and hybrid fee arrangements. Ladd has also been retained in a number of matters by other attorneys to serve as an expert witness on the subject of recoverable legal fees.

Since the late 1990's, Ladd has focused a significant portion of his practice handling [Business Divorce](#) matters and related litigation for majority owners and minority investors in private Texas companies. In these matters, Ladd prosecutes and defends claims against fiduciaries (officers, directors and private trustees), including claims for shareholder oppression, breach of fiduciary duty and shareholder derivative claims.

Ladd has been named a Super Lawyer annually from 2003-2017, and he was listed as a 2010 and 2014 Top 100 Dallas/Fort Worth Texas Super Lawyer. In addition, D Magazine listed Ladd one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas in Business Litigation from 2011-2017.

Ladd has tried cases to judgment in both state and federal courts, including federal courts located in New York and Chicago, and he has argued cases on appeal at both

- Energy & Environmental

Admitted to Practice:

Texas

Federal District Courts in Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

the state and federal levels in Texas.

### Representative Cases

- Represented a co-founder and 47% owner of ARGO Data Resources based in Dallas. After a six-week jury trial for the minority owner in State District Court in Dallas County, the firm secured a court-ordered, mandatory dividend of \$85 million to the Company's two shareholders based on jury findings that the majority owner had engaged in fraud, minority shareholder oppression and improper withholding of dividends. On appeal of the trial court's judgment, the Dallas Court of Appeals reversed the judgment and ordered that the minority shareholder take nothing on his claims. The minority shareholder then filed a petition with the Supreme Court challenging the appellate court's ruling, and the Court has requested a response to the petition from ARGO and the majority shareholder. *Shagrithaya v. Martin, et al.*, Cause No. 07-15149-I
- Filed suit on behalf of three limited partners in a privately owned Texas beer distributorship alleging that they had been deprived of their fair share of the substantial proceeds from the sale of the business. The firm secured a confidential settlement of all claims for the minority owners before trial. *Joseph Polichino, et al. v. Hillman International Brands, Ltd., et al.* Cause No. 2004-346878
- Secured a substantial pre-trial buyout of the minority owner's 49% interest in a family business after filing a lawsuit and conducting substantial discovery in the litigation. This settlement was achieved for the minority owner after the State District Court entered a summary judgment on the client's behalf holding that the Defendant/General Partner and Trustee had breached his fiduciary duties. *Pickens v. Pickens, et al.*, Cause No. 02-01105
- Represented a minority shareholder in drilling equipment manufacturing company who contended that he was the subject of a squeeze out by the majority shareholder. *Diamond McCarthy* filed the case in State District Court in Midland, Texas and then secured a confidential settlement for the client before trial. *Solansky v. Solansky, et al.*, Cause No. CV48169

### Memberships

- ABA Section of Litigation
  - Business Torts Committee (Programs Subcommittee Chair)
  - Trial Practice Committee
- Dallas Bar Association Council for Business Litigation Section
- Cornell Law School Alumni Board Member
- President of American Jewish Committee - Dallas Region
- Vice-President and Member of Temple Emanu-El Board of Trustees