# DIAMOND McCARTHY LLP



# **Justin Strother**

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#### **Related Practices**

Complex Commercial Litigation

Alternative Dispute Resolution, US Domestic Arbitration, and

Fiduciary and Receiver Representation

#### **Related Sectors**

Real Estate

#### **Education**

- The University of Texas at Austin (BBA in Finance, 1995)
- The University of Texas School of Law (JD, 1998)
- University College of London, International Law Program (1997)

With diverse clients ranging from closely-held companies and publicly-traded corporations to entrepreneurs and investors, Justin Strother knows how to resolve the most challenging business litigation before state and federal courts in Texas and in arbitrations across the country. He handles every phase of disputes involving a number of complex issues, including breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, professional liability, business-divorce matters, non-compete and nonsolicitation agreements, trade secret theft, tortious interference, and intellectual property disputes.

Helping clients protect their business interests outside the courtroom is also a significant part of Justin's practice. He serves as outside general counsel for clients advising on a broad range of transactional and governance matters, including strategic decisions on mergers and acquisitions, real estate transactions, entity structuring, regulatory compliance, and defusing controversies quickly before they give rise to litigation.

Justin often serves as a mediator in a wide variety of commercial litigation matters and as an arbitrator, including in legal fee disputes.

Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization



**CIVIL TRIAL LAW** 

### Representative Experience

- Obtained jury verdict in favor of purchaser of business in fraudulent misrepresentation lawsuit
- Defended real estate brokerage and architect at trial against architectural copyright claims in federal court

- Defended oil and gas investor in jury trial against fraud claim brought by lender
- Obtained jury verdict in favor of business owner against co-owner for breach of purchase agreement
- Obtained jury verdict in favor of resort developer at trial against breach of loan agreement claims
- Defended company against a minority shareholder oppression suit in which a former owner was seeking additional payment for interest in company after closing of sale
- Obtained a temporary restraining order and temporary injunction on behalf of a private ambulance service against two former employers who were attempting to compete in violation of non-compete contract provisions
- Obtained a settlement payoff in a breach of contract case on behalf basketball flooring company regarding the installation of gymnasium flooring in a new public school
- Obtained a judgment in favor of an individual against a trustee in a breach of fiduciary duty case, including the award of attorney's fees
- Negotiated and closed the purchases by client of two of its competitors
- Obtained a judgment on behalf of a trustee against an individual for fraud and conversion, and seized the individual's Texas assets
- Defended a company against a competitor who had sought to enforce a covenant-not-to-compete and who had sought to disgorge company's profits
- Obtained order requiring wind down and liquidation of company on behalf of coowner who had been deprived of control within company

## **Professional Associations**

- Certified Mediator University of Houston Law Center (2007)
- Houston Bar Association Administration of Justice Committee (2009-2010)
- Houston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee (2010-2017);
  co-chair of Institutes Subcommittee (2016-2017)
- Houston Bar Association Fee Dispute Committee (2012-2020); co-chair (2018-2019)

#### **Bar Admissions**

- Texas

#### **Honors and Awards**

- Texas Super Lawyers "Rising Star," Thomson Reuters (2004)