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“My value to my clients is my ability to be there for them during every step of the litigation process. I’ve been practicing law for over 25 years, so I bring a high level of experience to defending cases, and I understand the anxiety and frustration it causes an individual or company.”

Practice Areas

Professional Liability • Products Liability • Premises Liability • Transportation • Construction • Medical Malpractice • Mass Tort Litigation • Environmental/Toxic Tort Litigation

Michael L. Hurst is a founding partner of the law firm of Hermes Sargent Bates, LLP. With over 25 years experience as a trial attorney, Michael has tried many cases involving a wide and diverse range of issues and practice areas.

Michael is rated AV by Martindale Hubbell.

Representative Experience

- Obtained a defense verdict for a trauma surgeon and Iraq and Afghanistan war veteran in a case filed in State Court in Grayson County in which the plaintiffs alleged complications during surgery.
- Obtained a defense verdict for an ob/gyn in a birth-injury case in a 3 week trial to a Dallas County jury.
- Obtained a defense verdict for an ob/gyn in a birth-injury case tried in the Eastern District of Texas (Marshall, Texas).
- Obtained a defense verdict in the ShuttleKing bus hijacking case in which 30 separate plaintiffs filed suit against the bus company surrounding the in-transit robbery, shooting, and hijacking of the bus by 3 armed individuals.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a case tried to a Tarrant County jury in a case involving the death of an elderly patient in a nursing home.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a case tried on behalf of a nurse practitioner involving the death of an elderly woman in a nursing home.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a suicide case filed against the treating psychiatrist.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a suicide case filed against the treating psychologist.
- Obtained a defense verdict for an ENT (Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist) in a case in which the settling co-defendant was found negligent and the jury awarded 4.5 million in damages.

- Obtained a defense verdict for 2 dentists in a dental malpractice case filed in Tarrant County Texas.
- Obtained a defense verdict for a trucking company involving the death of the other driver in a flip over accident.
- Obtained a defense verdict for a trucking company in a premises liability case.
- Obtained a defense verdict in Federal Court for a trucking company in a high-speed highway rear-end collision accident on I-20.
- Acted as trial counsel on the following appellate opinions: *Bailey v Daniel* 967 F.2d. 178 (5th Cir. 1992); *Katsen v Rubenfield* 2001 WL 923132 (Tex App – Dallas 2001); *Raines v Stephens* 2005 WL 923132 (Tex App – Waco 2005); *Oak Park, Inc. v. Harrison*, 206 SW3d 133 (Tex. App. Eastland 2006); *Gurkoff v. Jersak*, 278 SW 3d 776 (Tex. 2009); and *Ritchie v. Rupe*, 339 SW 3d 275 (Tex. App – Dallas 2011).

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1985
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Western and Southern Districts of Texas

Education

- Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Southern Methodist University, 1982
- Juris Doctor Degree from Texas Tech University School of Law, 1985

Memberships

- Dallas Bar Association
- American Bar Associations
- Texas and Dallas Associations of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell

Personal

Michael was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is married with 3 children.