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“Hope for the best, prepare for the worst.”

Practice Areas

Transportation • Employer Liability • Premises Liability • Construction Defect • Products Liability

David L. Sargent, a founding partner of Hermes Sargent Bates LLP, focuses his defense practice on a variety of matters, including transportation, employment and labor, premises liability, construction defect and products liability.

Representative Experience

- Tried over 100 cases to verdict in state and federal courts throughout Texas
- Serves as State and National Trial Counsel for numerous clients

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1981
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Education

- Bachelor of Science Degree from West Texas State University, 1978
- Juris Doctor Degree, *cum laude*, from Texas Tech University School of Law, 1981

Awards & Recognitions

- Selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- “Dallas Best Lawyers” - *D Magazine*, 2007, 2008
- Rated AV by *Martindale-Hubbell*
- “Texas Super Lawyer” - *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics* Magazines, 2004 - 2011

Publications & Presentations

- Author, “Keys to an Effective Rapid Response,” by the Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association, Summer 2011
- Speaker, “On-Site and First Response Accident Investigations,” Texas Bar CLE, Prosecuting or Defending a Trucking or Auto Accident Case, San Antonio, Texas, November 4-5, 2010
- Co-Author, “Minor Compromises: A State by State Summary,” Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee, American Bar Association, July 2010

- Speaker, "Dealing with Law Officers and their Reports," The Harmonie Transportation Seminar, Arlington, Texas, August 4, 2009
- Contributing Author, "Comparative/Contributory Negligence and Joint and Several Liability, A State by State Summary," by the Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association, July 2009
- Contributing Author, "Spoliation of Evidence, A State by State Summary," by the Commercial Transportation Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association, July 2008
- Author of Closing Argument chapter of the 2006-07 DRI Trial Tactics Defense Litigation Manual
- Speaker, 2006 Texas Propane Gas Association Convention & Multi-State Trade Show
- David speaks regularly at conferences on the subject of defending personal injury suits

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- International Association of Defense Counsel, Trial Techniques & Tactics and Business Litigation Committees
- DRI, Inc., Trial Tactics, Employment Law, Product Liability and Trucking Law Committees
- Trucking Insurance Defense Association, Charter Member
- Texas Association of Motor Carriers
- Litigation Counsel of America
- American Board of Trial Advocates

Personal

David was born in Borger, Texas. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Sandy, and two children, Kelsy and Christopher.