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*“The legendary college football coach Bud Wilkinson once said that preparation engenders the confidence that enables the will to win. My goal is to be more prepared than the opponent, which will lead to the confidence that enables a successful result for the client.”*

**Practice Areas**

Products Liability • Professional Liability • Premises Liability • Commercial Litigation

**Representative Experience**

- Defense of product manufacturers and distributors in multiparty litigation, including manufacturers of water heaters and plumbing products.
- Defense of business and residential property owners/operators in premises liability actions.
- Defense of professionals in professional liability litigation, including insurance agents and real estate agents.
- Defense of livestock owners, trainers and stable operators in livestock liability actions.
- Obtained a unanimous defense jury verdict in a transportation lawsuit.
- Obtained two directed verdicts at trial in property damages lawsuits.

**Bar Admissions**

- State Bar of Texas, 2004
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, and Southern Districts of Texas

**Education**

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Texas A&M University, 2001
- Juris Doctor Degree from South Texas College of Law, 2004

**Awards and Recognitions**

- “Texas Rising Star” – *Texas Monthly and Law & Politics Magazine*, 2008, 2010 -2012
- Texas Young Lawyers Association President’s Award of Merit, 2009, 2011
- Order of Barristers
- Selected as Dallas Association of Young Lawyers’ One to Watch, July 2007

- Dean's Student Advocacy Service Award, 2004 - Awarded for meritorious service to the advocacy program of South Texas College of Law
- Vice-Chairman, Board of Advocates, South Texas College of Law, 2003-2004
- Eagle Scout

### **Publications & Presentations**

- Panelist, "A legal Symposium: Perspectives on Escabedo v. Haygood," presented by TADC and DTLA, Dallas, TX, October 2011
- Panelist, "Launching Your Legal Career – Tips for Success," at the Justice James A. Baker Guide to the Basics of Law Practice Course, presented by the Texas Center for Legal Ethics, March 2011
- Co-author, "Texas Supreme Court Expands the Definition of 'Seller' and a Manufacturer's Duty to Indemnify," Hermes Sargent Bates E-Alert, September 2010
- Speaker, "Anatomy of a Premises Liability Lawsuit & Accident Response," at a district meeting for one of the nation's largest owners and operators of amusement centers, December 2010
- Author, "Texas Supreme Court Expands the Definition of "Seller" and a Manufacturer's Duty to Indemnify," TYLA *eNews*, October 12, 2010
- Author and speaker, "Professionalism After Twenty Years of the Texas Lawyer's Creed," State Bar of Texas 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Medical Malpractice Course, March 18-19, 2010
- Moderator & Panelist, "What Young Lawyers Want and Need to Become Trial Lawyers of the Future," Texas Association of Defense Counsel Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, September 2009
- Author, "Are You Passionate About the Practice of Law," Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Summer 2009
- Author, "No Duty to Warn Independent Contractors of Open and Obvious Defects" TYLA *eNews*, July 14, 2008
- Speaker, "Privacy Expectations of Employees in the Digital Age", Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Summer Seminar, Vail, CO, 2007

### **Memberships**

- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow; Member, District 6 Nominating Committee, 2011-present; Member, Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award Selection Committee, 2012
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel – Board of Directors, 2008 – present; Young Lawyers Committee Chairman, 2008-2009, Director at Large 2009 – present; Young Lawyers Committee, 2005 – 2009
- Texas Young Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, 2008 – present; senior editor, TYLA *eNews*, 2008-present; Co-Chair Online Member Services Committee, 2008-present; Co-Chair, Community Education & Consumer Affairs Committee, 2010-2011; Vice-Chair, Family Law, Seniors & Children's Rights Committee, 2010-2012; Vice-Chair, Law Focused Education Committee, 2009-2010, Vice Chair, National Trial Competition Committee, 2008-2010; Vice-Chair, State Moot Court Competition Committee, 2008-2009
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation, Life Fellow; Member, Grant Committee, 2011
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers - Board of Directors, 2008 - present; Member, 2006 DAYL Leadership Class; Co-Chair, Freedom Run Committee, 2006-2010; Member, Long Range Planning Committee, 2007-2010; Co-Chair, Membership Committee, 2007

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute-Member, Young Lawyers Committee
- Harmonie Group-Member, Inaugural Young Lawyers Class

### **Community Service**

- Co-Chairman, Freedom Run, 2006 - 2010; A 9/11 Memorial 5K and Festival that supports Dallas Police Officers and First Responders through the Assist the Officer Foundation

### **Personal**

Ken was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas. He and his wife Meghan, a marketing director for a local magazine, live in Lake Highlands.