



## David A. Oliver

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Mr. Oliver is a partner in the Vorys Houston office and a member of the litigation group. His practice focuses on civil litigation throughout the state of Texas. Mr. Oliver, who holds degrees in both chemistry and biology, and who did graduate work in biochemistry, specializes in cases involving allegations of injuries due to exposure to chemicals or pharmaceuticals. He has litigated hundreds of injury cases and won defense verdicts in over two dozen mass tort cases.

### Career highlights include:

- Defense verdict for a chemical company as lead trial counsel in a wrongful death leukemia (AML) case involving claims of on-the-job exposure to benzene
- Defense verdict for a major oil company as lead trial counsel in a benzene leukemia (CML) wrongful death case
- Defense verdict as lead trial counsel in a benzene and butadiene non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) case
- Defense verdict as lead trial counsel in asbestos mesothelioma wrongful death cases
- Defense verdicts in multiple consolidated asbestos cases with multiple diseases involving products and premises claims.

Mr. Oliver is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is a member of the Texas Bar Foundation, the Houston Bar Association and the Fifth Circuit Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in the State of Texas as well as the Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern Federal District Courts of Texas.

Mr. Oliver received his J.D. from the Baylor University School of Law. He received his B.S. in Biology and his B.S. in Chemistry from Furman University.

### Practice Areas

Litigation

### Industries

Manufacturing

### Education

Baylor University School of Law,  
J.D., 1986

Furman University, B.S.B.S., 1981

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### Publications

The Sentry That Guards Against The Tyranny Of Experts

A Toxic-Tort Causation Question at the Supreme Court

Spotlight On The Scientific Evidence Reference Manual

*Merck V. Garza* : Now We're Really Confused

Bostic: Swinging For The Fences

Texas Supreme Court's Unsettling Opinion On Causation

"Toxic Torts: Risk, Foreseeability And Causation," Texas Lawyer, 2003

"Jury's Understanding of 'Risk' May Make All The Difference In A Trial," The Houston Business Journal, 2002

"Scientific Knowledge in the Courtroom: The Trouble with Daubert," 1999

"Causal Association: General and Specific Causation in Toxic Tort Cases," 1997

### Professional and Community Activities

Defense Research Institute, Member

### Honors and Awards

Texas Super Lawyers, Civil Litigation Defense, 2004-2011

### Events

DRI 2011 Annual Meeting

Food-Borne Illness

National Asbestos Litigation Conference

The Asbestos Litigation Conference: A Comprehensive National Overview and Outlook

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### Bar and Court Admissions

Texas

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas