

CORE COMPETENCIES

Domestic and International Commercial Arbitration | Securities Arbitration
Mediation | Commercial Litigation | Appeals

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Mark Ritchie, P.C.

Principal/Owner

2015-Present

Established legal practice specialising in litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

- Diverse civil litigation and appellate practice at both the federal and state level.
- Public arbitrator for multiple cases administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA).
- Eligible for arbitrator appointment through multiple arbitral institutions.
- Fully-qualified mediator.

Faubus Keller & Burford LLP

Associate Attorney

2013-2015

Senior associate of firm specialising in breach of contract and business tort cases.

Pulaski & Middleman

Contract Attorney

2012-2013

Managed inventories of potential clients for asbestos/pharmaceutical claims.

Caddell & Chapman

Contract Attorney

2011-2012

Performed document review and legal research services to plaintiff class action firm.

Tramonte & Associates

Contract Attorney

2011-2012

Pre-trial litigation of insurance defence and admiralty cases, with primary emphasis on drafting dispositive and discovery motions.

Silber Pearlman, L.L.P.

Associate Attorney

2001-2005

Represented plaintiffs in product liability and mass-tort claims against manufacturers, distributors, and premises owners to recover for serious illness caused by silica and asbestos exposure.

Mark H. Ritchie, Attorney at Law

Solo Practitioner

2000-2001

Provided legal research, briefing, and litigation support services to small plaintiff firms.

Harrison, Bettis & Staff, L.L.P.

Associate Attorney

1999-2000

Represented plaintiffs and defendants in small civil litigation firm, specialising in personal-injury, breach of contract, and commercial-construction litigation.

NON-PRACTICING LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Jones McClure Publishing

Staff Writer/Development Editor

2005-2009

Editorial Assistant

1995-1999

- Provided legal research, editing, and proofreading for all titles in *O'Connor's Texas, California, and Federal Law Practice Guides and Codebooks*. Drafted multiple subchapters for *Texas Family Law Handbook* and *California Civil Pre-trial Handbook*. Participated in editing and revision of subchapters written by staff writers and outside authors.

CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

- FINRA Public Arbitrator Certification (November 2016)
- FINRA Chairperson Certification (December 2016)
- CIArb North America Branch – Accelerated Route to Fellowship International Arbitration Programme with Award Writing Examination (May 2017)
- 40-Hour Mediation Training Program, Dispute Resolution Center – Harris County (June 2019)
- Certificate in International Commercial Arbitration – American University/Washington College of Law (March 2020)

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law

Juris Doctor (With Honors)

1996

- Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Academic Excellence in Torts
- Member, South Texas Law Review
- Outside Article Review Committee, South Texas Law Review
- Recipient of Diane C. Barber Award for Distinguished Service, South Texas Law Review
- Judicial Externship with First Court of Appeals, Houston, Texas

Texas A&M University

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

1991

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Admission to Practice

- New York
- Washington, D.C.
- State of Texas
- Southern District of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Solicitor for Senior Courts of England and Wales

Memberships / Affiliations

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)
- Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA)
- Panels of Distinguished Neutrals, International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR)
- Panel of Arbitrators, New Zealand International Arbitration Centre (NZIAC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, New Zealand Dispute Resolution Centre (NZDRC)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), 2018-2021 term
- Panel of Arbitrators, Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC)
- State Bar of Texas Appellate Section
- State Bar of Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- State Bar of Texas International Law Section
- State Bar of Texas International Law Section Action Committee
- Houston Bar Association Appellate Practice Section
- Houston Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- Houston Bar Association International Law Section
- Houston Bar Association Securities Litigation and Arbitration Section
- Houston International Arbitration Club
- Texas Bar College
- Texas Association of Mediators

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- “*Abor is Dead, Long Live Prudential: The Texas Supreme Court Resolves the Split of Authority on Mandamus and Dominant Jurisdiction*,” HBA Appellate Lawyer (July 2016).
- “*Appellate Mediation: Embracing a Pragmatic Approach*,” HBA Appellate Lawyer (September 2016).
- “*Frivolous Arguments on Appeal: Time for a New Approach*,” HBA Appellate Lawyer (December 2016).
- “*Cordial Conversations: Conferring with Opposing Counsel for Better Motion Practice*,” Texas Bar Journal (March 2017).
- “*‘Sympathetic Summary’ as a Tool for Better Appellate Arguments*,” HBA Appellate Lawyer (March 2017).
- “*Natural Language Legal Research and the Importance of Algorithmic Accountability*,” HBA Appellate Lawyer (October 2017).
- “*Arbitration’s Appeal*,” HBA Appellate Lawyer (March 2018).
- “*U.S. Supreme Court Treats Circuit Split by Recommending Less Vitamin C*,” HBA Appellate Lawyer (July 2018).

REPRESENTATIVE APPELLATE CASES

- *Segura-Romero v. Castineira*, No. 01-19-00147-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.], filed Mar. 1, 2019).
- *Alattar v. Kay Holdings, Inc.*, 485 S.W.3d 113 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2016, no pet.).
- *In re Jinsun LLC*, No. 14-15-00568-CV, 2015 Tex. App. LEXIS 9011 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Jan. 12, 2016, orig. proceeding).
- *In re Houston Progressive Radiology Assocs., PLLC*, 474 S.W.3d 435 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 2015, orig. proceeding).
- *In re Kevan Casey, Jinsun LLC, and Far East Strategies, LLC*, No. 14-14-00783-CV (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Dec. 23, 2014, orig. proceeding).
- *Int'l Transquip. Indus., Inc. v. Browning/Ferris Indus., Inc.*, 54 S.W.3d 37 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2001, no pet.).
- *Mitchell v. LaFlamme*, 60 S.W.3d 123 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2000, no pet.).