



# Andrew T. Hepworth

## Member

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Andrew Hepworth is an attorney in the firm's Litigation Department, practicing in Cozen O'Connor's Dallas office. His practice focuses on commercial litigation and the defense of companies, individuals, and corporate clients from a variety of claims based in transportation, premises liability, personal injury, dram shop liability, construction defect, wrongful death, and property damage in both state and federal courts. As a litigator, Andrew has proven effective in mediations, hearings, taking/defending fact and expert depositions, and evaluating and investigating pre-suit claims, always keeping his client's objectives at the forefront of his advocacy. His experience broadens beyond the courtroom as an adviser to companies whose employees or corporate practices are the subject of investigations conducted by state and federal regulatory agencies. In this capacity, he regularly counsels clients on their business activities and daily practices.

Andrew earned his law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Texas Christian University.

## Experience

Won summary judgment on behalf of an In-Prison Therapeutic Community ("IPTC"), and defeated the plaintiff's attempt to secure reversal on appeal. As a condition of his parole, the plaintiff/appellant was required to receive professional drug treatment at an IPTC at the Kyle Correctional Center. The plaintiff/appellant refused treatment and brought suit against the IPTC. The trial court granted Andrew's No-Evidence Motion for Summary Judgment, and the Court of Appeals of Texas, Austin Division, affirmed the dismissal. *Jackson v. Morrison*, No. 03-14-00419-CV, 2015 WL 4195578 (Tex. App.—Austin, July 8, 2015, no pet.).

Won a no-evidence motion for summary judgment, and secured a complete dismissal of all claims, in an action in which the plaintiff and co-defendant alleged that our client, the owner and operator of a pub, was liable under the Texas Dram Shop Act for injuries the plaintiff and co-defendant claimed to have sustained during a physical altercation.

Secured dismissal of a malicious civil prosecution lawsuit filed against our insurance company client in the 68th District Court for Dallas County. The plaintiff sued our client for malicious prosecution when it did not dismiss an underlying suit against him immediately upon his demand. We filed a motion to dismiss on the basis that the plaintiff had not alleged the required "special injury" and that the malice regarding an underlying civil suit must be in the commencement, not in the continuation, of the lawsuit. We amended the motion to address the plaintiff's subsequent bare allegations of special injury and malice in the commencement, and the plaintiff then filed a Notice of Nonsuit with Prejudice, ending the case.

Obtained traditional and no-evidence summary judgment on behalf of motorcycle dealer in a personal injury case involving a motorcycle accident.

## Practice Areas

- Transportation & Logistics Litigation

## Industry Sectors

- Hospitality

## Education

- University of Baltimore School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010
- Texas Christian University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2006

## Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- Texas

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Maryland

## Affiliations

Dallas Bar Association

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