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# **Bernard Grant III**

Junior Partner

Knowledgeable. Experienced. Determined.

Bernard is a seasoned trial attorney with over 22 years of civil litigation experience, offering an in-depth understanding of the Texas state and federal court systems. Having led more than 40 first-chair trials, he has consistently secured favorable outcomes for a diverse clientele, ranging from individuals to large multinational corporations. His expertise spans third-party and first-party insurance defense, personal injury litigation, and complex commercial disputes, making him a highly skilled and adaptable advocate in a wide range of legal matters.

#### **DISTINCTIVE PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Over the course of his career, Bernard has demonstrated excellence in all phases of litigation—from case development to trial and resolution. His courtroom experience includes serving as lead counsel in jury trials, representing clients in status and settlement conferences, and leading negotiations to achieve strategic settlements. His ability to handle high-stakes litigation with composure and tactical insight has earned him a reputation as a results-driven litigator who thrives in pressure-filled environments.

Bernard's dual experience in defense and plaintiff representation sets him apart. While he has primarily worked as a defense attorney, Bernard also spent three years managing a plaintiff's personal injury practice. This unique perspective enables him to anticipate opposing strategies and provide his clients with a comprehensive view of potential risks and outcomes. His approach ensures that clients are well informed and confident in the legal decisions they make, always aiming for the best possible result.

A St. Mary's University School of Law graduate in San Antonio, Texas, Bernard's success is rooted in his meticulous case preparation, sharp advocacy skills, and efficiency in managing cases from start to finish. Whether representing plaintiffs or defendants, Bernard approaches each case with unwavering dedication, ensuring that his clients' concerns are addressed and their goals are achieved.

Bernard's leadership in insurance defense, product liability, and personal injury litigation makes him a critical asset to any legal team. His team-focused, collaborative approach allows him to work seamlessly with colleagues and clients to craft winning strategies that deliver results. As a skilled listener and communicator, Bernard is a fierce advocate and a trusted advisor who ensures that his clients' voices are heard, and their interests safeguarded.

With decades of trial-tested experience, Bernard is the attorney clients rely on when they need a knowledgeable, reliable, and results-oriented legal partner. His commitment to achieving favorable outcomes in the most efficient manner possible has solidified his reputation as a top-tier litigator.

### Matters

- Represent National Title Insurer across the State of Texas
- Represent National Insurer in First-Party property disputes throughout the State of Texas
- Represented a large multi-national corporation in product liability litigation
- Handled multiple First Chair trials of contract and real estate disputes
- Represented both Plaintiffs and Defendants in Personal Injury Litigation

## BERNARD'S BACKGROUND

Benard excels at mastering the law and facts while guiding clients through the realities of the legal system to manage their expectations."

#### **Admissions**

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- · U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

#### **Education**

- J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law
  - o St. Mary's Law Journal
  - o Associate Editor August 2000 May 2001
  - o Staff Writer August 1999 May 2000
- Teaching Assistant
  - o First-Year Legal Research and Writing Class Professor Bonnie Roberts
- Texas A& M University
  - o B.A. Political Science received May 1996

#### **Prior Legal Experience**

- Junior Partner, Stewart Law Group PLLC | 2024 Present
- Trial Attorney, The Keller Firm | 2023 2024
- Trial Attorney, Carpenter & Associates | 2022 2023
- Trial Attorney, Law Office Of Bernard J. Grant | 2019 2022
- Trial Attorney, Adkerson, Hauder & Bezney | 2019
- Contract Attorney, Norcross & Associates | 2007 2019
- Contract Attorney, MAS Law Firm | 2007 2019
- Senior Trial Attorney, R.E. Lopez & Associates P.C. | 2015 2018
- Trial Attorney, Driskell & Wright | 2013 2015
- Trial Attorney, Herlard, Farish, Palmarozzi & Hughes | 2012 2013
- Associate Attorney, Byrne, Cardenas & Smitherman, L.L.P. | 2006 2007
- Associate Attorney, Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons L.L.P. | 2003 -2006
- Associate Attorney, Hoffman Kelly L.L.P. | 2002 2003
- Associate Attorney, Kondos & Kondos | 2001 -2002

#### Civic Involvement & Affiliations

- Former Council Member, City of Murphy, City Council Place 5 | 2011 2014
- Director, City of Murphy, Texas 4B Community Development Corporation | 2008 2011

#### **Publications and Presentations**

• No Taxation Without Realization: Srivastava v. Commissioner, The Fifth Circuit's Answer to Tax Treatment of Attorney's Fees Under a Contingency Fee Agreement. St. Mary's Law Journal, 2001, Volume 32 pp. 363 - 381

#### Community Engagements & Volunteering

• City Council Member, City of Murphy, Texas | 2011-2014