



Ray Chester

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Ray is a civil trial lawyer representing clients in high-profile cases all over the United States. Practicing in both state and federal courts, he has successfully tried more than 35 cases. Ray is Board Certified in both civil trial law and personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has been recognized as a “Top 100 Trial Lawyer” (2012-2014) by the National Trial Lawyers, Martindale-Hubbell as an AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney, and has been selected to the Texas Super Lawyers list, a Thomson Reuters service, (2003-Present) and selected to be listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2016-2021), Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation. Ray is also the leader of the McGinnis Lochridge Products Liability Group which was named the 2015 Product Liability Litigation Department of the Year by Texas Lawyer.

Experience

Personal Injury & Wrongful Death

Ray’s substantial experience includes multiple representations on BOTOX® victims. Most recently, he represented a child who developed severe complications after BOTOX® injections for cerebral palsy. On behalf of this young BOTOX® victim, he obtained a jury verdict in November 2014 in federal court in Burlington, Vermont. He also acted as lead attorney on behalf of a brain-damaged BOTOX® victim and received a jury verdict in federal court in Richmond, Virginia, in April 2011. The case was settled after post-trial motions. In another case, Ray acted as lead attorney and received a jury verdict on behalf of a disabled BOTOX® victim in state court in Oklahoma City in May 2010. That case was affirmed on appeal.

Practice Areas

Personal Injury & Wrongful Death

Complex Business Litigation

Litigation

Appellate

Education

The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1984 (with high honors, Chancellors, Order of the Coif, *Texas Law Review*)

The University of Texas, B.A., 1981 (with highest honors)

Admissions

BAR

Texas

COURT

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States District Courts for the Western and Southern Districts of Texas



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Ray was the first attorney in the United States to file and successfully prosecute failure-to-warn claims on behalf of a victim against the manufacturer of the ORTHO EVRA® birth control patch in 2004. He personally developed the liability case for what later became one of the largest pharmaceutical mass torts in the country.

Other significant cases have included:

- Obtaining a settlement for a victim of a defective seatbelt system in a case of first impression against the now-defunct Chrysler Corporation.
- Defending a multinational corporation in a wrongful death case in Travis County Probate Court in Austin, Texas. The case settled before trial.
- Defending a large New Jersey-based company in a product-liability suit filed in state court in Brownsville, Texas, involving a plaintiff who is a quadriplegic. The case settled shortly before trial.

News

McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Secure Client a Favorable Award, Expected to Net in Excess of \$15 Million
February 10, 2021

The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Names William H. Daniel as 'Lawyer of the Year,' Recognizes 18 McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys
August 20, 2020

McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Recognized As 2019 Texas Super Lawyers
September 3, 2019

The Best Lawyers in America 2020 Names Edward McHorse, Robert R. Reetz, Jr. and Tim George 'Lawyers of the Year'
August 15, 2019

McGinnis Lochridge Partner Ray Chester Admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers
October 2, 2018

Seventeen McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named 2018 Texas Super Lawyers and 2018 Rising Stars
September 10, 2018

Partner Ray Chester Quoted in *Time Magazine's* Cover Piece
January 6, 2017

Best Lawyers Names 11 "Best Lawyers"
August 17, 2016

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Eleven McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2015 Texas Super Lawyers List
September 9, 2015

Eleven McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers®
August 17, 2015

Texas Lawyers names McGinnis Lochridge Product Liability Litigation Department of the Year
June 9, 2015

Eleven McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2014 Super Lawyers list, a Thomson Reuters Service
September 5, 2014

Nine McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2013 Texas Super Lawyers List, a Thomson Reuters service
September 9, 2013

Twelve McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2012 Texas Super Lawyers list
September 10, 2012

Nine McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to 2011 Texas Super Lawyers list
October 3, 2011

Eleven McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2010 Texas Super Lawyers List
September 20, 2010

Thirteen McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2009 Texas Super Lawyers List
September 18, 2009

Twelve McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2008 Texas Super Lawyers list
September 9, 2008

Fifteen McGinnis Lochridge Attorneys Named to the 2007 Texas Super Lawyers list
September 17, 2007

Publications

McGinnis Lochridge Partner Ray Chester Admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers
October 2, 2018

Honors & Recognition

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

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- Texas Super Lawyers list, a Thomson Reuters service, General Litigation (2003 - 2020)
- Listed in *Best Lawyers*®, Plaintiffs Personal Injury Litigation (2016 - 2021)
- Top 100 Trial Lawyer (2012-2014), The National Trial Lawyers