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The Lanier Law Firm, P.C.
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The Lanier Law Firm is commonly referred to as one of the premier plaintiff and trial firms in the United States. This reputation is built on nearly \$20 billion in jury verdicts against some of the largest companies in the world, including large oil and gas companies. The Firm garnered national attention during its VIOXX litigation, most notably winning multiple substantial verdicts against Merck & Co. that drove the \$4 billion national settlement. Mr. Lanier also tried the ACTOS litigation in federal court in Louisiana, obtaining a \$9 billion verdict. Mr. Lanier recently tried several of the PINNACLE ARTIFICIAL HIP cases in the Dallas federal multi-district litigation, first obtaining a \$500 million verdict, then a \$1 billion verdict, and most recently in November 2017, a \$247 million verdict. The Firm maintains offices from coast to coast to handle matters across the country in state and federal courts. With offices in Houston, New York, Los Angeles and Oklahoma City, the firm is able to meet its clients and opponents wherever they may be found.

Attorneys from the firm have substantial complex plaintiff litigation experience, having played significant roles in many MDL and other consolidated proceedings in leadership positions (non-exhaustive): IN RE: Toyota Litigation, MDL 2151, C.D. CA.; IN RE: Vioxx Litigation, MDL 1657, E.D.LA.; IN RE: Bextra and Celebrex Liability Litigation, MDL 1699, N.D.CA.; IN RE: Zyprexa Litigation, MDL 1596, E.D.N.Y.; IN RE: Avandia Litigation, MDL 1871, E.D.PA.; IN RE: Neurontin Litigation, MDL 1629, D.MA.; IN RE: Levaquin Litigation, MDL 1943, D.MN.; IN RE: Heparin Litigation, MDL 1657, N.D.OH.; IN RE: Digitek Litigation, MDL 1968, S.D.W.V.; IN RE: Fosamax Litigation, MDL 1789, S.D.N.Y.; IN RE: Chantix (Varenicline) Litigation, MDL 2092, N.D.AL.; IN RE: Trasyolol Litigation, MDL 1928, S.D.FL.; IN RE: Viagra Litigation, MDL 1724, D.MN.; and IN RE: Gadolinium Contrast Dyes Litigation, MDL 1909, N.D.OH.¹

Messrs. Lanier and Bradford have also served as class counsel in over a dozen putative or certified class action oil and gas matters, including the following approved or pending class settlements: *Bollenbach v. Oklahoma Energy Acquisitions LP, et al.*, Case No. 17-CV-134-HE (W.D. Okla.) (~\$4.73 million approved class settlement); *McNeill v. Citation Oil & Gas Corp.*, Case No. 17-CV-121-RAW (E.D. Okla.) (\$3 million settlement preliminarily approved); *McKnight Realty Co. v. Bravo Arkoma, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 17-CV-308-KEW (E.D. Okla.) (\$1.3 million preliminarily approved).

¹ We have also maintained lead roles in State Court litigations concerning the following pharmaceutical litigations: Vioxx® (Atlantic County, NJ); Bextra®/Celebrex® (New York County, NY); Avandia® (Philadelphia County, PA); Neurontin® (New York County, NY), Levaquin® (Atlantic County, NJ), Fosamax (Atlantic County, NJ); Yaz/Yasmin/Ocella (Atlantic County, NJ); and Chantix® (New York State).

With an assembled team of over 50 lawyers, the firm and Mr. Lanier have received significant accolades and recognition:

- In May of 2017, Lanier was inducted into the National Trial Lawyers' Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame, which recognizes exceptional trial lawyers
- Twice named Trial Lawyer of the Year by The National Trial Lawyers and The Trial Lawyer
- Twice named Lawyer of the Year in Houston by Best Lawyers in America – in 2017 for Personal Injury Litigation and in 2016 for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions
- Repeatedly named to the Lawdragon Top 500
- Lanier was named to The Legal 500 "Elite Leading Lawyers" list in 2016
- Lanier earned the 2015 American Association of Justice's Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The National Law Journal has twice named him one of the nation's Top 10 Trial Attorneys, as well as one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America; The same publication also named Lanier and The Lanier Law Firm to the annual Plaintiff's Hot List
- Lanier also is the recipient of the coveted Clarence Darrow Award
- Lanier is regularly named in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, where he received special recognition as a national leader in product liability and mass tort
- Lanier has been listed in S. News and World Report's Best Lawyers in America list for more than a decade, including previously being named the 2013 Top Class Action Attorney in America
- The same publication also recognized him as Houston's 2016 Lawyer of the Year for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions.
- The Lanier Law Firm also has been repeatedly named on the annual list of Best Law Firms published by S. News & World Report
- Lanier's additional professional honors include his recognition as a Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation and The Trial Lawyer magazine's America's 100 Most Influential Trial Lawyers

W. Mark Lanier



Attorney, author, teacher, pastor and expert storyteller, **Mark Lanier** is no stranger to the public platform. Since he founded The Lanier Law Firm in 1990, Mark has earned international recognition as one of the top trial attorneys in the United States, with firm offices in Houston, New York and Los Angeles supporting his work for clients across the country.

Mark's courtroom experience is significant and diverse, including:

- In December 2016 Mark earned over a \$1 billion combined jury verdict in a products liability case over defective hip implants against defendant DePuy Orthopaedics Inc., a subsidiary of health care giant Johnson & Johnson.
- In March 2016, Mark secured a multi-million dollar verdict, in the same federal court, in the initial bellwether trial against DePuy and Johnson & Johnson over the metal-on-metal hip implants. This verdict was recognized by the *National Law Journal* as the "**Outstanding Medical Device Award**" for 2016, and as one of the **Top 50 Verdicts of the Year**. The two consecutive verdicts were further ranked the first and second largest verdicts, in Texas, for 2016.
- Mark scored another headline-grabbing verdict in April 2014 against Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. and Eli Lilly & Co. over the diabetes drug Actos.
- From the very beginning of his career, Mark has proved again and again that he is not one to slow down or rest on the laurels of his recent victories. Early in 1993, he made a huge impact in the world of courtroom litigation by winning a then-record verdict for a small oil company in a business fraud case against one of the nation's largest oil providers.
- His winning verdict in the nation's first trial over the painkiller Vioxx, *Ernst v. Merck*, set the tone for similar cases nationally.
- Mark followed up the record Vioxx verdict with two wins totalling more than \$50 million over the same drug.
- He obtained a precedent-setting settlement for a national sugar association trade group and several of the largest U.S. sugar manufacturers regarding a false promotion lawsuit against one of the world's leading distributors of artificial sweeteners.

- He also was responsible for reaching a sizeable settlement for syringe manufacturer Retractable Technologies in an antitrust case against Becton Dickinson & Company, which served as the basis for the movie “*Puncture*,” starring Chris Evans.
- His verdict on behalf of 21 asbestos victims is considered one of the largest asbestos liability awards in U.S. history.
- Mark Lanier also secured a settlement for 130 Ingersoll Rand Plc employees in a lawsuit over unpaid bonuses related to the sale of an Ingersoll Rand subsidiary.

Mark’s peers and the media consistently recognize him among the country’s leading legal minds:

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- Repeatedly named to the *Lawdragon Top 500*.
- Mark was named to **The Legal 500 “Elite Leading Lawyers”** list in 2016.
- In 2015, he earned the *American Association of Justice’s Lifetime Achievement Award*.
- *The New York Times* described him as “*one of the top civil trial lawyers in America.*”
- *The National Law Journal* has twice named him one of the nation’s *Top 10 Trial Attorneys*, as well as one of the *100 Most Influential Lawyers in America*. The same publication also named Mark and The Lanier Law Firm to the annual *Plaintiff’s Hot List*.
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In addition to national recognition, Mark has earned multiple accolades from his legal peers in Texas. In a statewide attorney survey published in *Texas Monthly* magazine, he has earned selection to the annual *Texas Super Lawyers* list since it debuted in 2003, including being named one of the *Top 10 Attorneys in Texas*. *Texas Lawyer* newspaper has selected Mark Lanier as one of the state’s *Top 5 “Go To” Personal Injury Plaintiff Attorneys* three different times, in addition to naming him the *Top “Go To” Personal Injury Attorney* in Texas. In 2015, he earned the Texas Bar Foundation’s *Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award*. *Texas Best Lawyers* magazine also has named him on their annual listing for more than a decade. Mark received further recognition in the *Verdict Search/Texas Lawyer Top 50 Verdicts of 2012*. *Texas Lawyer* also named him as one of the *Top 25 Attorneys of the Past Quarter Century* while recognizing The Lanier Law Firm as the *2015 Litigation Department of the Year*.

What the news clips can't measure or define is Mark Lanier's commitment and his passion for his clients. Often motivated by injustice and a sense of fair play, he has sought to even the score whether representing individuals or large corporations. The Lanier Law Firm represents clients from all over the world in courtrooms across the United States.

Mark's courtroom work has resulted in feature articles in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *Bloomberg News* and the *Houston Chronicle*, among many others. He also is a frequent guest on news shows such as CNBC's "*Squawk Box*" and Fox News' "*Your World with Neil Cavuto*". Mark also is a regular co-host and contributor to Fox Business News' highly rated "*Varney and Company*" with Stuart Varney.

Mark is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is licensed to practice in all Texas state and federal courts, New York state courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mark frequently instructs other attorneys in seminars held across the nation about his trial techniques and how to better try cases. He regularly serves as a featured lecturer at many of the nation's top law schools, including Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School, Pepperdine University School of Law, University of Chicago Law School and Texas Tech University School of Law. Mark Lanier was elected to the *American Bar Association's Fellows of the American Bar Association* and was named a *Life Fellow* of the same organization in 2012.

A strong supporter of his alma mater, Mark earned his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1984. He remains active at Texas Tech by serving on the law school's Foundation Board. He was selected as the *Texas Tech University School of Law Distinguished Alumnus* for 2015 and also was awarded the school's *Distinguished Alumni Award* in 2016.

Mark Lanier is enthusiastically involved in government and community activities outside the practice of law. Chairmen, company presidents and senior executives from major American corporations and universities often call on him for his respected business views on national and international issues. In 2011, Mark was also bestowed the distinguished *Ambassador of Peace* award by the Guatemalan government.

Mark Lanier also is the founder of the Lanier Theological Library (www.LanierTheologicalLibrary.org), one of the nation's largest private theological collections. He teaches a weekly, 700-plus-member Sunday school class focusing on Biblical Literacy at Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston. Mark is the founder of the Christian Trial Lawyers Association, a non-profit organization whose goal is to create a network of principled attorneys to minister to others through civic-minded endeavors. He serves on the boards of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) and the Albright Institute. An accomplished author, Mark recently published the book, *Christianity on Trial* (IVP 2014) and a daily devotional book entitled, *Psalms for Living: Daily Prayers, Wisdom, and Guidance* (Baylor University Press 2016).

Mark is the father of five wonderful children and lives in Houston with his wife, Becky.

Reagan E. Bradford



Reagan E. Bradford joined the Commercial Litigation section of the Lanier Law Firm in 2016. Mr. Bradford focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation matters, particularly those involving energy, corporate governance, securities, and antitrust. His practice has provided extensive experience in federal and state courts across the country, including class actions and mass tort proceedings, and in arbitration proceedings.

Prior to joining the Lanier Law Firm, Mr. Bradford served as Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Corporate Secretary for a Fortune 500 energy company. This position provided Mr. Bradford experience in the board room as well as in the court room and in high stakes regulatory proceedings. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. It was here where he served on the Oklahoma Law Review, founded the Energy and Resources Law Student Association, and graduated Order of the Coif. Mr. Bradford was named a Journal Record 40 Under 40 in Oklahoma City, in 2015.

Mr. Bradford regularly speaks and writes on legal matters relating to energy, corporate governance, and government investigations. His publications and presentations include:

In Search of an Effective Defense to Litigation Fishing Expeditions Into Private, Associational Political Speech

Bloomberg
Co-Author
February 2015

Energy Litigation Newsletter – ABA Section of Litigation

Co-Editor
July 2012 – October 2014

Business Groups Assert Conflict with SEC's Conflict Minerals Rule

Energy Litigation Newsletter – ABA Section of Litigation
May 2013

Critical Steps for Responding to Government Investigations

Chief Litigation Officer Summit

March 2014

Keynote Speaker

Complex Litigation Challenges and Strategies

2nd National Forum on Oil and Gas Litigation

September 2013

Speaker

Mr. Bradford is licensed to practice in Oklahoma and Texas and is also admitted in numerous federal district courts, including the Western, Eastern and Northern Districts of Oklahoma, and the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas, and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.