

Kurt Kern

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Kurt maintains a robust national trial practice defending high-exposure product liability cases in Texas and beyond. He routinely works with international and U.S. in-house decision makers, corporate representatives, and engineers to develop comprehensive litigation and case management approaches that result in the most favorable outcome possible for his clients. A current focus of his practice is complex electronic and ADAS issues.

Kurt has tried more than 100 cases in state and federal courts around the country in matters ranging from allegations of restraint system defects to forklift and electrical equipment. Kurt has defended corporations, manufacturers, and distributors of automotive, trucking, agriculture, and other components in high-stakes product liability matters, many of which have involved catastrophic injuries and wrongful deaths. Kurt has tried cases for many of the world's largest automotive manufacturers involving crashworthiness, seatbelt and airbag claims, alleged seatback failures, and rollover and fire issues.

Experience

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Representative Experience

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- Experienced in powersports work for several large automotive manufacturers
- Multiple fatality, traumatic brain injury, quadriplegic and burn cases tried to defense verdicts in Texas, California, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Missouri

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, JD, cum laude (1984)

- Barristers, Order of the Coif
- Tax Editor, *Southwestern Law Journal*

Hillsdale College, BLS, summa cum laude (1981)

Admissions

Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Practice Areas

[Products Liability - Consumer & Mechanical](#)

[Products Liability - Automotive](#)

Industries

[Automobiles & Other Motor Vehicles](#)

Recognitions

The bar rules of some states require that the standards for an attorney's inclusion in certain public accolades or recognitions be provided. When such accolades or recognitions are listed, a hyperlink is provided that leads to a description of the respective selection methodology.

- [The Best Lawyers in America®](#), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2024-2026)
- [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#), Product Liability: Automobile – Nationwide (2023-2025)
- [Legal 500 United States](#), Litigation: Product Liability Defense, Automotive/Transport (2011, 2014)
- [Super Lawyers](#) Magazine, Texas Super Lawyers (2006–2021)

Professional Activities

- State Bar of Texas (1984-Present)

Articles & Speeches

Events/Speaking Engagements

[Roof Crush in Non-Rollover Cases](#), 2022 Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Conference- Speaker (April 7, 2022)