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A versatile, highly experienced, complex case trial lawyer, John O'Connor has for over 25 years devoted a significant portion of his practice to attorneys and attorney fee disputes, both as an expert witness and as a litigator. From years of evaluating, assessing, and litigating fees, O'Connor brings a depth of expertise and context as an expert witness that only an experienced litigator can offer in fee disputes.

O'Connor has tried a wide variety of cases in federal, state and arbitration courts throughout the country, including not only professional liability, attorney fee, and law firm buy-out cases, but also patent, anti-trust, civil RICO, ADA/disability discrimination, civil rights, employment, insurance coverage and bad faith, construction, product liability, toxic tort, defamation, fraud and contract, real estate, white collar criminal, and sports management, among others. This experience allows him to distinguish between efficiency and inefficiency in litigation management.

He has frequently associated with other firms to provide trial and deposition assistance, either on behalf of a separate co-party or as co-counsel, and often serves as local counsel. O'Connor and Associates prides itself on being cooperative, responsive, and efficient.

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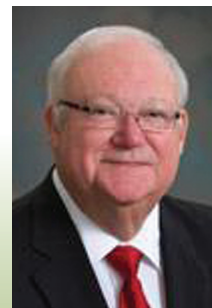
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From 1973 to 1989, David Rainwater practiced law throughout South Georgia, specializing as a trial lawyer. He was one of the first ten lawyers in the State of Georgia to become Board Certified as a civil trial lawyer by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and one of the few lawyers who became "A" rated and a member of the Bar Registry by Martindale-Hubbell in less than ten years of practice.

From 1990 to 1997, David Rainwater left private practice to serve as First Vice President and General Counsel of Central Bank and Trust in Cordele, Georgia, and later as Executive Vice President and General Counsel for American Network Services, Inc. of Norcross, Georgia. As a co-founder of American Network Services Rainwater was part of the management team that created "DEPONET®" the largest legal support network in the world.

After selling the company in 1997, Rainwater returned to private practice in Cordele in November of 1997. With both a banking and entrepreneurial background, coupled with extensive litigation experience, Rainwater is able to develop creative strategies for individuals and companies to navigate the legal waters of South Georgia. Rainwater has recovered over \$50,000,000 in settlements, verdicts and recoveries since 1998 for the citizens of SouthWest Georgia.



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Tenacious, dedicated and committed to getting the best possible result. Mr. Borthwick works strategically to resolve disputes and is not afraid to come up with creative strategies to get his clients what they need.

Attorney Douglas Borthwick blends a background in civil litigation with significant experience in insurance defense, medical malpractice defense, plaintiff personal injury, and family law. Before founding his own firm, his formative years were as an associate attorney at AV rated firms with ABOTA certified trial lawyers.

Mr. Borthwick is currently President and Owner of the Law Offices Douglas Borthwick.

He is admitted to practice before all of the courts in the state of California and the United States Supreme Court. He has licensures on inactive status pending payment of dues and updating continuing education hours in the jurisdictions of Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Ohio, Arkansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, and District of Columbia. He has his main office in Santa Ana and is available to meet at offices in Riverside, Rancho Cucamonga, and Ontario.

Mr. Borthwick has the highest AV preeminent rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, the leading attorney directory.

Mr. Borthwick was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1965. He graduated with high honors (*Magna Cum Laude*) from Muskingum University in 1988 with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business, Economics, and Religion. At Muskingum University, he was the recipient of the prestigious Wall Street Journal Award. He received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1991 from Capital University Law School where he was the recipient of an academic scholarship and was on the Dean's List.

Mr. Borthwick is married with a daughter and 3 grandchildren.

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As a versatile, highly-experienced trial lawyer, Jamie has been recognized twice by the National Law Journal in its prestigious "Top 100 List" for obtaining verdicts of \$37.5 million in 2011, and \$40 million in 2013. The following year, he obtained a record medical malpractice verdict in the State of Alabama. All three cases were widely reported in various national media.



In 2017, Jamie was a part of a trial team that successfully represented thousands of corn farmers across the country against the biotech giant, Syngenta, resulting in a verdict of \$218 million in the State of Kansas. The same year, he reached a settlement in the State of Texas for the family of two men killed in a tractor-trailer accident for more than \$10 million.

Jamie is deeply committed to the principle of equal justice for all. "Our courtrooms exist to level this playing field and to see that everyone gets fair justice under the law. The cases we handle make a difference in our communities and improve public safety," he says.

During his career, Jamie has tried everything from month-long aviation accident cases, or class actions in federal court to personal injury, automobile and bicycle accidents, and fraud and wrongful death actions in state courts. Some of his cases have involved copyrights, trade secrets, commercial disputes, product failures, employment contract actions, and insurance cases of all types.

Jamie has given lectures to lawyers in 47 states across the country and spends time teaching other lawyers and representing indigent clients in pro bono matters. In addition, he is a member of several professional organizations whose mission it is to preserve the right to trial by jury and to enrich the lives of the public through the stewardship of our civil justice system.

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