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Charlie's practice focuses on civil litigation matters, with an emphasis on insurance defense and commercial disputes. He has an active trial practice throughout Central and South Texas.

Charlie has extensive experience representing insurers and their insureds in high exposure cases arising out of oil field accidents, natural gas explosions, premises and product defects, and toxic torts. Charlie has represented a variety of clients in the oil and gas and construction industries, including property owners, contractors, and subcontractors. As a result, he is well equipped to evaluate liability, if any, for a wide range of industry participants and effectively represent them in all stages of litigation.

Charlie's practice also includes resolving commercial disputes in a strategic and efficient way. He has successfully represented commercial clients in cases involving contract, fiduciary duty, and partnership/shareholder disputes, among others. He has also advised insurers on professional liability claims against law firms and represented attorneys in malpractice suits.

Prior to practicing law, Charlie worked as a professional engineer with a focus on the design, construction, and operation of oil and gas wells, drilling rig components, and field operation equipment. That experience provided Charlie with considerable insight into oilfield operations and mechanics, which has proven invaluable in defending oilfield accident cases.

From 1989 to 2001, Charlie served as the Presiding Municipal Court Judge in the town of Palm Valley, Texas. From 2001 to 2003, he served as a member of the City of Harlingen's Traffic and Safety Committee.

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- Admissions
 - State Bar of Texas
 - United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
 - United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
 - Education
 - J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 1989
 - B.S., Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, 1981
 - Professional Associations and Memberships
 - American Board of Trial Advocates
 - American Bar Association
 - Bexar County Bar Association
 - Hidalgo County Bar Association
 - Cameron County Bar Association
 - Sons of the Republic of Texas

- MENSA International
- American Cancer Society (Cameron County Chapter, former president)