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EDUCATION:

University of Texas, BBA, Management, 1987, with honors

Texas Tech School of Law, J.D., 1990

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Texas: All State Courts and All U.S. District Courts

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

Les Pickett | Director

With more than two decades of experience, Les knows how to quickly and efficiently evaluate claims and lawsuits to assist the client decide whether the matter should be resolved early or taken through trial. When trial is necessary, Les has experience in both state and federal court, in front of judges and juries, in Texas and Louisiana. He has also appeared before the Courts of Appeal in Houston and Louisiana and in the Texas Supreme Court. Not cowed by dangerous venues, Les tried his first District Court case in Beaumont, Texas and has litigated cases from Orange to El Paso and throughout the Great State of Texas.

Les understands that the claim belongs to the client, not to him. He therefore actively engages the clients in all phases of the claim from inception to end ensuring that the client's needs and wants are addressed regularly. Les understands that forging the relationship between attorney and client yields the best result in what is often an unpleasant experience.

Les' practice includes complex personal injury, trucking and transportation, insurance, maritime, professional liability defense, construction defect, and other general civil litigation matters. Les devotes a significant portion of his practice to insurance coverage cases and the attendant litigation of those matters. Les is admitted to a II state and federal courts in Texas, the US District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma and the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Les is a member of the Texas Surplus Lines Association and the Claims & Litigation Management Alliance.

Les has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Insurance Law in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Insurance Defense

Trucking & Transportation

Insurance Coverage/Litigation

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Houston Bar Association

Jefferson County Bar Association

Ducks Unlimited, Member

Texas Surplus Lines Association (TSLA)

Houston MarinersClub

ProNet International, Inc.

NRA, Patron Member

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Life Member

