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### Overview

**STEPHEN D. SUSMAN, P.C.**, born Houston, Texas; admitted to Bars of Texas, District of Columbia, New York, and Colorado.

Steve Susman was a titan. His professional success can be measured in many ways: his founding and building of the premier litigation boutique, Susman Godfrey; his extraordinary record of winning complex, high-profile cases for both plaintiffs and defendants, large and small; the number of young lawyers he mentored, molded, encouraged, and believed in; and his personal crusade to enhance and preserve civil jury trials. He accumulated almost countless professional honors and awards over a legal career that spanned 55 years. He had a deep-rooted commitment to justice and the rule of law.

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*You will succeed as a trial lawyer if you love what you do.*

**Stephen Susman**

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*I hope that my legacy will be that I restored an interest in the legal system in trying cases in front of a jury.*

**Stephen Susman**

### Honors & Distinctions

#### RECOGNITION

- *Benchmark Litigation*
  - Top 100 Trial Lawyers in the Nation (2018)
  - National Litigation Star, 2015
  - Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America, 2014

- America's Leading Litigation Attorneys, 2009 – 2014
- *Best Lawyers in American* (Woodward White, Inc.)
  - Commercial Litigation (1983 – 2020)
  - Bet-Company and Antitrust (2006 – 2020)
  - Litigation: Antitrust, Environmental, IP, Patent (2011 – 2020)
  - Lawyer of the Year: Litigation: Antitrust/Houston (2012)
- *Chambers Global*
  - Leaders in Their Field (2015)
  - Trial Lawyers (2006 – 2013)
- Chambers USA
  - Nationwide Trial Lawyers (2009 – 2019)
  - Nationwide Antitrust: Plaintiffs (2015-2019)
  - Texas: IP (2007 – 2019)
  - Texas – Antitrust (2003 – 2019)
  - Texas -General Commercial Litigation (2003 – 2019)
- *Law360*, Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar (2014)
- *Lawdragon*
  - Hall of Fame (2019)
  - 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2005 – 2020)
  - 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers (2019, 2020)
- *Legal 500*, Legalease Ltd.
  - Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiff (2020, 2019, 2013-2007)
  - General Commercial Disputes (2020, 2018)
  - Litigation: Mass tort and class action: plaintiffs' representation: (2013 – 2007)
- *Legal Media Group's Expert Guides*
  - Top Thirty Litigation Attorneys in the United States (2013)
  - Litigation (1997, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2005-6, 2008, 2010, 2012)
  - Competition and Antitrust (1996 – 2012)
  - Best of the Best USA (2006, 2008-9, 2011, 2013)
- *National Law Journal*, Litigation Trailblazers & Pioneers (ALM, 2014)
- *Super Lawyers* (2003 – 2020, Thomson Reuters)

- Top 10 Lawyers in Texas (2003-2007, 2009)
- Top 100 in Texas (2003-2016, 2018)
- Top 100 in Houston (2003-2019)
- *Who's Who Legal* (Law Business Research Ltd.)
- Among Top Ten Leading Litigators in the World (2010)
- Commercial Litigation (2000 – 2014)
- Texas, Commercial Litigation and Competition (2007 – 2008)

## AWARDS

- Clarence Darrow Award, Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association (2018). Click [here](#) to see a video of co-Managing Partner Neal Manne present the award to Susman.
- Lifetime Achievement Award, *American Lawyer* (ALM, 2016)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, *Texas Lawyer* (ALM, 2015)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists (2011)
- Distinguished Counselor Award, Antitrust and Business Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas (2005)
- Outstanding Alumnus, University of Texas School of Law (2001)

## DISTINCTIONS

- Visiting Professor, New York University School of Law (2015/2016)
- Editor: "ABA Civil Antitrust Jury Instructions" (1985)
- Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1978)
- Special Counsel to Attorney General of Texas (1975)
- Visiting Professor of Law, University of Texas (1975)
- Friars Society
- Fraternities: Phi Delta Phi; Order of the Coif; Chancellors, Grand Chancellor; Phi Kappa Phi

## *Clerkships*

Honorable Hugo L. Black, Supreme Court of the United States

Honorable John R. Brown, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

## *Education*

**The University of Texas** (J.D., with Highest Honors)

**Yale University** (B.A., magna cum laude)

## *Leadership & Professional Memberships*

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Member, Bentham Advisory Panel
- Member, Warren Burger Society
- The New York Intellectual Property Law Association
- Houston Intellectual Property Law Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- The University of Texas Law School Foundation Board
- University of Houston Law Foundation Board
- American Board of Trial Advocates National Board
- Director of Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
- Trustee, U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society
- Advisory Board, University of Texas School of Law's Review of Litigation
- American Law Institute
- Colorado Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association, City of New York Bar Association
- Board of National Tort Museum
- Board of Modern Courts
- Board, Center on Civil Justice of NYU School of Law

### **CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Trustee, Yale University Art Gallery
- MD Anderson University Cancer Foundation Board of Visitors
- The University of Texas Health Science Center Development Board
- The University of Texas Development Board
- Leadership Council of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies
- National Eagle Scout Association