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Michael Bridwell has been practicing with Strong Pipkin since graduating from University of Texas School of Law in 1985. He is an experienced litigator and handles personal injury, premises liability, products liability, toxic tort, commercial litigation, general litigation, occupational and environmental chemical exposure, asbestos and contract litigation. He has represented companies in premises liability cases, products liability cases, severe burn personal injury cases, groundwater contamination cases, community chemical exposure cases, and pipeline right of way and eminent domain disputes. He is also a certified mediator. Representative clients include oil and chemical companies, product manufacturers, pipeline companies and insurers.

**Primary Practice Areas:**

- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Toxic Tort Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental Litigation

Representative Experience:

- Represented local chemical manufacturing facility in litigation involving thousands of plaintiffs claiming personal injury based on claims of air pollution and community exposures;
- Defended local refinery in alleged ground water contamination case involving hundreds of nearby residents;
- Represented pipeline companies in pipeline rupture cases involving claims of environmental damage and catastrophic burns;
- Counsel for steering gear manufacturer in tanker/tug boat collision and death case;
- Represented industrial pump manufacturer in catastrophic burn and death case;
- Defended several oil and chemical companies in asbestos litigation on a statewide basis;
- Represented pipeline companies in easement, right of way, and eminent domain negotiations and suits; and
- Served as panel counsel for several insurance companies.
- Successfully tried a products liability death case on behalf of gasoline can manufacturer

Honors and Awards:

- Martindale-Hubbell AV rated
- Texas Super Lawyers (a Thomson Reuters® service), 2006-2010, 2013-2020
- Houston's Top Lawyers, *H Texas Magazine* (2008-2009, 2013)
- *Best Lawyers*® (by Levine Leichtman Capital Partners)
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Commercial Litigation (2013-2021)
 - Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action (2013-2021)
 - Product Liability Litigation (2013-2021)
 - Personal Injury Litigation (2021)

Membership/Affiliations:

- Texas Board of Legal Specialization Personal Injury Trial Law - 1990
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC)
- Certified Mediator, A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute
- All Texas Courts
- U. S. District Courts for Eastern, Southern, Northern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals—Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel (TADC)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Texas Bar Foundation—Life Fellow
- American Inns of Court, Michelle Mehaffy Chapter (President 2014, 2015)
- Jefferson County Bar Association
- Arkansas Bar Association
- All Arkansas Courts
- Oklahoma Bar Association
- All Oklahoma Courts
- U. S. District Courts for Eastern, Western and Northern Districts of Oklahoma

Education:

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1985
- Michigan State University, BA with Honors, 1981

Articles and Presentations:

- Condemnation Update and Easement Maintenance Issues (author and presenter), May 2013
- Easement Rights Pertaining to Multiple-Pipeline Grants and Update on Texas Easement Issues (author and presenter), November 2010
- Sun Tzu and the Art of Mediation (author and presenter), Texas Association of Defense Counsel Winter Seminar, January, 2009
- Mediation Tips for Litigants: Don't Meet Me In The Middle (author and presenter), Texas Association of Defense Counsel Summer Seminar, July, 2004
- Creating and Managing a Case Budget (author), *The Advocate*, June, 2006
- Taking The Plaintiff's Deposition (author and presenter) Jefferson County Bar Association, April, 2006