

Tony Buzbee Wins Texas Lawyer's 2015 Attorney of the Year Award



HOUSTON, Nov. 5, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- After winning three nationally significant trial verdicts and leading the defense team for former Texas Gov. Rick Perry this past year, Tony Buzbee (<http://www.txattorneys.com/tony-buzbee>) has been named the Texas Lawyer 2015 Attorney of the Year (<http://m.texaslawyer.com/module/alm/app/tx.do#!/article/1756140339>).

As *Texas Lawyer* notes, "In the past 12 months, Buzbee served as lead for three trials that each led to more than \$25 million verdicts for his clients, including a \$159 million award that a Houston jury issued in a negligence case." Buzbee also is leading the legal team fighting a charge of abuse of official capacity filed against the former governor.

Buzbee said, "Thanks to the editors of *Texas Lawyer*, this award reflects the momentum of Buzbee Law Firm (<http://www.txattorneys.com/>) and our hardworking lawyers. I'm extremely proud of our firm's track record (<http://www.txattorneys.com/our-track-record>) of success. We mean it when we say, 'winning is the only option (<http://www.txattorneys.com/just-win>).' Our clients – and our opponents – know we take on and win some of the most challenging cases. Even then, this has been an extraordinary year for our firm and clients."

In August, six Buzbee clients – five oilfield workers injured at a Valero Energy Corp. facility and the parents of a sixth man who died of his injuries – were awarded \$159 million by a Houston jury. Also in August, Buzbee won a \$10.8 million jury verdict against the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) for a school district's storm damage claims. In May, a Houston jury awarded \$35.2 million to a Mexican grocery store chain owner in a commercial litigation dispute. In February, Buzbee won a \$29 million verdict for the family of a worker killed on the job by an industrial battery explosion in Conroe, Texas.

In the past decade, the firm has won hundreds of millions of dollars of verdicts and settlements in dozens of cases involving pipeline and plant explosions, toxic torts, offshore litigation, commercial litigation, products liability, and trademark infringement.

In 2015 and 2014, *The National Law Journal* named Buzbee a "Top 50 Plaintiff Firm." Buzbee has been repeatedly recognized as a *Texas Super Lawyer* by Thomson Reuters. In the 2013 edition of the national *Benchmark Litigation* guide, Buzbee was named as "litigation star" for plaintiff's litigation in Texas and the firm was named as one of five "highly recommended" firms.

Aside from his legal practice, Buzbee is also a business owner, responsible for various retail endeavors, commercial buildings, and hotels. Buzbee also serves on the board of regents of Texas A&M University, and the board of the Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He previously served on the Board of Visitors of Texas A&M Galveston.

Buzbee is a graduate of the Texas A&M University, where he served as a battalion commander in the Corps of Cadets. Upon graduation, Buzbee was named a Distinguished Naval Graduate, Distinguished Student, and was recognized as the Outstanding NROTC Senior in the Corps of Cadets, as well as the Outstanding Commander in the Corps of Cadets. The university's Buzbee Leadership Learning Center is named after him.

After college, Buzbee entered the U.S. Marine Corps. He served as a Marine Corps infantry officer, serving in the Persian Gulf and Somalian conflicts, where he commanded various Marine SOC (special operation capable) infantry units. He commanded the elite Recon Company of the historic First Marine Regiment. He received top leadership awards from the rigorous Navy Dive School and the daunting Amphibious Reconnaissance Course. He earned the rank of captain, and for his Marine Corps service was awarded the prestigious Navy Commendation Medal.

After leaving military service, Buzbee entered law school at the University of Houston Law Center. While there, Buzbee was the managing editor of the *Houston Law Review*, was elected class captain by his peers, and was also a member of the Order of the Coif, Order of the Barristers, and Order of the Barons. Buzbee was also state and regional mock trial champion and was voted best advocate in every competition in which he competed. Buzbee ultimately graduated Summa Cum Laude, second in his class.

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