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Stephen A. Melendi is a partner in the Dallas, Texas based law firm of Tollefson Bradley Ball & Mitchell, LLP. Mr. Melendi became licensed to practice law in 2003 after graduating cum laude from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 2003. While in law school, Mr. Melendi was an articles editor for the International Law Review Association and was a member of Phi Delta Phi. Mr. Melendi also served as Judicial Extern for the late Chief Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in 2001-2002. Prior to attending law school Mr. Melendi graduated from Texas A & M University with B.S. in political science.



Mr. Melendi is licensed to practice law before all state courts in Texas, all United States District Courts in Texas and Arkansas, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Seventh Circuit, Eighth and Eleventh Circuit.

Mr. Melendi's practice focuses on insurance coverage disputes and construction litigation.

Mr. Melendi was named a "Texas Rising Star" as published in Texas Monthly Magazine in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Representative Cases:

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