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Dave LaBrec, chair of Strasburger's Governmental Law Industry Team, practices in the area of civil trial litigation with an emphasis on defense of public officials and local governmental entities. He represents clients before state and local legislative and administrative regulatory bodies. Mr. LaBrec previously served as First Assistant City Attorney and Chief Trial Attorney for the City of El Paso. He served as General Counsel for the Texas Municipal League and First Assistant City Attorney of the City of Dallas.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Negotiated a multi-million dollar 10-year contractual agreement between Rural Metro Ambulance and the City of Fort Worth.

Successfully took over an appeal at the Texas Supreme Court and obtained a reversal and favorable ruling vindicating a governmental entity from any liability involved in the death of an inmate who committed suicide.

Obtained a judgment in a case brought by the American Family Association asserting abortion rights against a city. In addition, obtained sanction against the American Family Association lawyers personally for their misconduct during the course of the case (1998).

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mr. LaBrec is a frequent speaker and nationally recognized author on public entity and official civil liability issues, litigation affecting governmental entities, municipal liability insurance, and risk management methods.

In 2000, Mr. LaBrec presented a paper and participated in the Presidential Showcase Panel on Civil Rights at the American Bar Association's Annual Convention in New York City.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Admitted, Texas; Admitted, U.S. District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas; Admitted, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits; Admitted, U.S. Supreme Court.

Defense Research Institute (Board of Directors 1996-2000; Chair, Governmental Liability Committee 1994-97, Vice Chair 1993). Mr. LaBrec is the DRI Board representative to the American Civil Trial Round Table comprised of representatives of the ABA, ABOTA, and ATLA, among others, who meet regularly to address issues common to the judicial system and to the representative organizations. Appointed to the City of Dallas' Charter Review Commission, which is responsible for analyzing Dallas' government structure and making recommendations to improve its efficiency.

Texas Association of Defense Counsel (Board of Directors 2000-); State Bar Lawyer's Creed Committee (1997); State Bar Public Affairs Committee (1997-2000); American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Practice Section, Governmental Liability Committee (Chair 1996); National Insurance Crime Bureau (Board of Governors 1997-); Southwest Law Enforcement Institute (Board of Directors 1990-1998); PRIMA (Public Risk Management Association).

International Municipal Lawyers Association (Chair, Governmental Insurance Committee 1983-87; Chair, Litigation and Risk Management Section 1986-93); Texas City Attorneys Association (General Counsel 1980-85; Board of Directors 1990-95); Southwestern Legal Foundation Institute of Urban Studies (Board of Directors, Municipal Legal Studies Center 1985-); Texas Association of School Boards Council of School Attorneys; Texas Public Risk Management Association (General Counsel).

In 1986, the International Municipal Lawyers Association (formerly the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers), awarded Mr. LaBrec its prestigious National Public Service Award.

EDUCATION

St. Mary's University, J.D. 1973
University of Texas at El Paso, B.A. 1971