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THE NLJ VISITS TEXAS



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IN TEXAS, SUCCESSFUL trial lawyers are as common as Lone Star beer. The state long has been known for significant jury verdicts for both plaintiffs and defendants, but most of the best Texas attorneys try big cases outside Texas as well and have earned national reputations.

Texas' big guns

The best in the Southwest, these Longhorn litigators have earned national reputations.

Richard Warren Mithoff

Houston's Mithoff & Jacks LLP.

Richard Warren Mithoff represents plaintiffs in personal injury, products liability and other cases, and was named Houston's best civil lawyer by the Houston Press. In the past year, he represented Texas counties in tobacco litigation, helping win a \$2.2 billion settlement. He won the first breast implant case in 1977 and, with partner Tommy Jacks, has recovered close to \$100 million representing opt-out plaintiffs in implant suits.

About 90% of his cases settle, and he has won more than 90% of verdicts. His \$1 million-plus verdicts and settlements include a \$10.5 million malpractice award in 1997 that led a hospital to alter its drug-screening procedure, and a \$119 million settlement that led to changes in laws governing hospitals' reporting of doctors' misconduct.