



# Stephen M. Halbeisen

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Steve Halbeisen is a member of the firm's Dallas office, where he is chair of the Subrogation & Recovery Department's South Central region. Steve has successfully litigated a wide variety of property damage disputes involving fires and explosions, product failures, petrochemical plant damages, flood damages, structural failures, material failures, heavy equipment losses, tower collapses, fine arts losses and construction defect losses, among others. Steve has tried cases to verdict in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

Steve earned his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's University in 1987 and his law degree from the University of Miami in 1990.

### Experience

Obtained a verdict and judgment totaling \$550,000 in Webster Parish, Louisiana following a bench trial on behalf of a builder's risk insurer in a case involving an electrical fire to a custom log home under construction. The case subsequently settled pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement.

Obtained a verdict and judgment totaling more than \$6 million in Dallas County, Texas following a bench trial for a builder's risk insurer in a case involving electrical damage to an apartment complex caused by the negligence of an electric utility company. The electric utility company's highest offer before trial was \$300,000. The case subsequently settled pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement.

Confidential settlement for insurer of Little Rock, Arkansas ABC-TV affiliate arising from the collapse of a 2000' tall TV transmission tower. The case involved an extensive forensic investigation of the collapse spanning several weeks, as well as a complex damage model for recovery of the market value of the 40-year old tower, emergency mitigation expenses and lost profits arising from the loss of use of the tower during a critical sweeps week.

\$930,000 jury verdict, representing a 100% recovery for homeowner's insurer against aquarium service company that caused a fire at the home of a member of the Dallas Cowboys football team.

Confidential settlement for insurer of Fort Worth residence damaged by fire caused by application of polyurethane spray foam insulation

Confidential settlement for insurer of Dallas residence destroyed by fire caused by defect in recessed can light fixture

Multimillion settlement for owner of Austin, Texas residence damaged as a result of construction defects

Confidential settlement for insurer of residential property damaged by negligence of security alarm company

Confidential settlement for insurers of Cape Girardeau, Missouri chemical plant arising out of defects in automatic fire sprinkler system

### Practice Areas

- Subrogation & Recovery
- Construction Law

### Industry Sectors

- Insurance

### Education

- University of Miami, J.D., 1990
- St. Joseph's University, B.S., 1987

### Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Texas

### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Texas

### Affiliations

- Dallas Bar Association
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)
- State Bar of Texas

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Seven figure recovery for insurer of regional hospital in Kansas that sustained hail damage as a result of defects in single-ply PVC roof membrane

Obtained and collected mid six-figure jury verdict for insurer of residential property in Houston damaged by fire caused by a standby generator system

Confidential settlement for insurer of art collection damaged as a result of construction defects

Confidential settlement for petrochemical company and its insurers arising out of the sudden shutdown of petrochemical plant in Point Comfort, Texas

Confidential settlement for property insurers arising out of a \$50 million warehouse fire in Houston