

## Despite Adversity, Experience and Ethics (Still) Matter



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### Curney, Farmer, House & Osuna PC

**W**ith over 120 years' combined legal and trial experience, Curney, Farmer, House & Osuna PC (CFHO) is a unique trial firm in Central and South Texas. Nimble and aggressive, CFHO is small enough to be responsive to clients' needs and concerns while large enough, with 16 lawyers, to handle the largest and most combative cases.

Founded in 1990, the firm routinely appears at the courthouses in Central and South Texas ready for trial. Over the last six years, the firm has won several of the biggest defense verdicts in the books. A mature and deeply experienced firm, the team holds a deserved reputation as aggressive lawyers who will take their opponents to task. Even more impressive is that the attorneys meld youthful energy

with hard-earned expertise.

On May 1, 2015, CFHO was challenged again—suffering the unexpected loss of its founding member John M. Curney Jr. Rising to the occasion, the remaining partners mourned their loss and then did what they do best: answered the call and continued a tradition of competent and responsive service for their clients. Most would expect the firm to fail with such a loss; however, the firm has maintained strong relationships with existing clients while adding additional national carriers and clients, as well. John Curney Jr. would not have it any other way.

"We're extremely motivated," says Partner Jeff House. "We use our skills to investigate, evaluate, and leverage the other side's

weaknesses in order to reduce or eliminate our clients' exposure."

"We also offer clients the opportunity to engage in meaningful relationships," adds Partner Edward Osuna. "We truly care about them, and we care about their businesses."

### Dollars and Sense

At CFHO, it's not just talk. It's real action and real results—sometimes under intensely short timeframes.

In one case, the firm was called by an insurance carrier just four days before a case was set to go to trial. The team dropped everything, put in hundreds of work hours, and earned a no-negligence defense verdict against a plaintiff that was seeking \$28.5 million in damages.

Commonly, CFHO is tapped at the last minute to bail out another defense firm that isn't performing. In the case of a fatal Ford Explorer rollover, the attorneys came to the rescue and resolved the case for a dramatically lower price tag than what was previously anticipated.

"There are hundreds of examples we could give where one of our clients calls with an emergency that requires a reshuffling of our priorities, cases, and workloads," Partner David Farmer says.

### Reputation and Respect

There are two rules at CFHO: Do your job, and do it ethically. The team is relentless in researching and developing all available strategies and defenses to reduce or eliminate its clients' exposure while upholding high ethical standards.

Building upon the legacy of John Curney Jr., the partners are dedicated to being fierce advocates for their clients while honoring his memory and long-standing reputation for excellent legal service and trusted counseling.

As the team's beloved John Curney Jr. would say, "We often get called for the more complicated, difficult, and high-dollar cases because people know we have the trial experience and fortitude to try them." The same tradition lives on today.

Curney, Farmer, House & Osuna is hard at work earning each client's trust and confidence while being guided by a commitment to service and accountability.

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