



Brent Coon & Associates was founded in 2001. Today, with 13 offices around the country, it is one of the largest trial law firms in the nation and the epitome of the 21st century law practice. Brent Coon & Associates employs over 30 aggressive litigators, with solid experience in individual and complex multi-party, occupational/environmental, health and personal injury cases. Big in size and a powerful adversary to our opponents, BCA still prides itself on its approachability and the one-on-one relationships we form with each and every client.

Taking on the Asbestos Industry

Many of our attorneys at Brent Coon & Associates have dedicated their professional lives to helping the families affected by asbestos and mesothelioma. Lawyers at BCA have seen many communities nationwide devastated by occupational asbestos exposure. Our firm has represented thousands of individuals across the country in asbestos lawsuits, obtaining hundreds of millions of dollars worth of verdicts or settlements.

If you or someone you know has been affected by asbestos or suffers from occupational lung cancer, you may have a lawsuit. Contact our attorneys at www.bcoonlaw.com or www.lungcancerfact.com for a free consultation.



BCA Produces Informative Medical Mesothelioma DVD



In effort to inform the public about mesothelioma, Brent Coon & Associates has produced an interactive DVD. Designed for patients and their families, the video examines the various types of mesothelioma, common and experimental treatment methods, and treatment facilities. The video also contains our award winning expose of the asbestos industry and its cover-up of orchestrated deception. Our hope is that the DVD will be helpful in educating patients about the causes, symptoms, types and treatments of mesothelioma. For the victim suffering from mesothelioma it is extremely important to be aware of all the options available. The diagnosis of a potentially terminal disease is always tragic, but with new research and treatments being tested and developed, there is still reason to remain hopeful and aware.

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Know Your Rights

Many people are scared to reach out for help. It's not in their nature; they weren't raised that way. Some people even think talking to an attorney about their issue is "frivolous." But if you or a loved one has been injured, it's ok to seek help and advice. That's what BCA is here for...and NOT just legal advice.

Do you need information on medical treatment or financial assistance for medical bills? You have options. There are even ways of avoiding a lawsuit for your recovery. We can help with all your questions. No hassles. No headaches. Give us a call. We are standing by and want to help.



BCA Establishes An International Presence



Already one of the largest nationwide personal injury firms, BCA has added its first international office in Madrid, Spain. The office will be managed by Art Gonzalez, who oversees the Houston-Pillot office as well. Mr. Gonzalez opened the Madrid office to have local support for BCA's litigation involving the Spanair disaster in August of 2008 in which 154 people were tragically killed when an airliner taking off en route to a Canary Islands resort swerved off the end of a runway at Madrid's airport. BCA went into action immediately and through deep community involvement was asked by the families of the victims to represent them in a lion's share of the cases. For more information on the Spanair disaster and the BCA Aviation Department visit www.flightattorney.com.

Caring & Community Involvement

Whether it's through blood drives, charity auctions, live music fundraisers, or holding free town hall meetings to help victims of Hurricane Ike and other natural disasters, BCA has a long track record of giving back to the community. Founder Brent Coon encourages all of his attorneys and staff to always "leave things better than you found them."



If you would like to see some of the many charitable contributions made by our attorneys and employees, please visit the "Charities" section of our main website, www.bcoonlaw.com.

Brent Coon & Associates has been hired by major government agencies, including the Department of Justice, the Chemical Safety Board and the Occupational Health and Safety Association.

Art Gonzalez Joins AAJ Board of Directors

Brent Coon & Associates is proud to announce that Art Gonzalez will be joining the American Association of Justice's National College of Advocacy Board of Directors. Among other responsibilities, the board will be setting the curriculum for the 2010 AAJ Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs. The importance of CLE cannot be understated as it helps ensure that attorneys across the country stay up-to-date on the ever-changing and evolving legal field. Thus, the role the Board of Directors plays in determining the curriculum is vital in maintaining the integrity of the legal system.

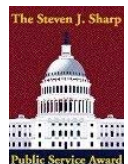


Awards and Recognition for BCA Attorneys

BCA's commitment to excellence has resulted in recognition from its peers in the legal industry. Our awards represent our desire to go beyond the norm and seek maximum justice for our clients. Our job is to make things better. And that compassion extends to our clients, our community and beyond.

- Clarence Darrow Award
- Steven J. Sharp Award
- Super Lawyers Award
- Rising Stars Award
- Lawyer For The People
- U.S. Law Week Award
- USMWF Humanitarian Award

Super Lawyers



The BCA Advantage

Beyond selecting from among the best and brightest attorneys, Brent Coon has insisted that each attorney's skills be "super-charged" with real world training and experience. This translates into giving our clients quality advice and helping them when it matters most in making the tough decisions. It also means that the other side knows that BCA attorneys are not afraid of going to trial. It is our passion to present an aggressive and formidable case on your behalf.

BCA also has the financial and legal resources and the infrastructure to work up any case, anytime, anywhere. We have retained world famous expert witnesses available only to firms with the highest reputations. Having this sort of manpower at our disposal is what allows us to go toe-to-toe with the biggest corporations in the world.

"Becoming one of the five largest plaintiffs' trial firms in the country and doing it in under six years, we have to be doing something right. And in a time when the old regime is crumbling, we have the depth, the determination, and will go the distance to help you in facilitating a strong recovery for your clients."

Brent Coon

Brent W. Coon

With humble, blue-collar beginnings, Brent Coon earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston Law Center in less than two years and began his law career in 1986. He quickly rose to become a partner in a leading litigation firm in Southeast Texas. Excelling in trial litigation, Mr. Coon became board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Personal Injury Trial Law and by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in Civil Trial law.

Mr. Coon gained notoriety as Lead Counsel on what many consider one of the most important public policy cases of the past decade when Mr. Coon stood against British Petroleum, taking on the cause of those injured in the worst industrial accident since 1989 and the fight for industry change all the way to the Texas Supreme Court.

For his efforts, Mr. Coon was named "Lawyer of the Year" in 2007 and was awarded the prestigious Steven J. Sharp Award for Excellence by the American Association of Justice.

He also remains active in various trial organizations, including: Board of Directors; Legislative Task Force; Sustaining Member and Fellow with the Texas Trial Lawyers Association; Executive Committee Member and past President of the Southeast Texas Trial Lawyers Association; Leaders Forum, National Finance Council and Labor Liaison Committee Member of the American Association of Justice (AAJ). He has also been admitted to the Texas Bar Foundation, an elite academy of noted attorneys whose members gain entrance by invitation only.



Brent Coon & Associates has become a nationally recognized leader in hurricane recovery litigation after producing an award-winning series of online video seminars designed for victims to get the best policies in dealing with insurance companies and filing a claim. Among other important tips, the video-based website, www.ihateike.com, offers “Do’s and Don’ts” when dealing with contractors, an 8 step claim filing process, and information about things you must include in your hurricane file.

Practice Areas

Accidents and Injuries

Aviation Law
Auto Rollover
General Personal Injury

Environmental Contaminants

Asbestosis
Benzene
Environmental
Mesothelioma
Silicosis
Chinese Drywall

Occupational

Construction Injuries
Hearing Loss
Law Enforcement – Injured On Duty
Lung Cancer
Maritime/Offshore
Railroad
Wrongful Termination

Pharmaceuticals

Avandia®
PAXIL®
Chantix®
Levaquin®
Reglan®

Safety Issues

Products Liability
Women’s Safety

Medical Malpractice

Brent Coon & Associates has attorneys who specialize in nearly every field of personal injury, occupational, environmental and tort law. Not only does BCA employ some of the leading legal minds in their respective fields, but we also retain some of the world’s most respected experts in each of our practice areas to act as testifying witnesses. No matter what area of litigation applies to your case, BCA has the will, the resources and the expertise to successfully take on any defendant.

For more information about specific BCA practice areas, please visit www.bcoonlaw.com/practice_areas. BCA has individual websites devoted to many of these practice areas.

BCA Taking Action



From the very first consultation, all the way through the settlement or trial, BCA fights relentlessly for you and your family. Taking a true offensive approach, our attorneys aggressively push the defense at every juncture. If the defense does not offer appropriate compensation, our attorneys relish the opportunity to face off in the courtroom, because it is in the courtroom that they truly shine.

For one client who had lost both her parents in a refinery explosion, Brent Coon spent millions of dollars of his own money and took the fight all the way to the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Coon then forbade the oil giant from “sealing the documents away” and is now holding an entire industry accountable for its actions. As part of the negotiated settlement, over \$32 million was donated to schools and charities to improve refinery workers’ safety and medical care.

The final act came when Brent Coon personally wrote the “Remember the 15” Bill and introduced it into the Texas State Legislature. The new legislation is designed to forever improve safety conditions and the environment for refinery workers and the surrounding communities.

The Eva Rowe case was a featured story on *60 Minutes* and the *Today Show*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Time Magazine*, *Business Week* and is now in discussions to become a major motion picture.



Brent Coon & Associates is counsel to many unions and labor organizations. The firm acts as District Counsel to the United Steelworkers’ District 13, which covers Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Medical Mesothelioma DVD cont’d...

In addition to being distributed to BCA clients and other mesothelioma victims, the DVD is being used as a training video by various state and local government agencies and organizations. One program in Texas, approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services, has adopted the DVD as a key element of its training program. The program seeks to train state employees, primarily those maintaining public schools, on how to recognize and remedy structural buildings that may expose students and faculty to asbestos.



*“I’ve been training state employees and contractors on the dangers of asbestos and on asbestos remediation for over 15 years. I’m always looking for new materials to improve my training course and when I came across *The Asbestos Story* produced by Brent Coon & Associates, I knew I found something special. The documentary offers a unique perspective on the asbestos industry that I had not seen before. It is informative, well-produced, and provocative. It’s abundantly clear after viewing this video that the firm of BCA is highly knowledgeable on the asbestos industry.”*

John Barrett

Our Managing Office Attorneys



Arthur J. Gonzalez, Houston (Pillot Bldg.)/Corpus Christi – “As a lawyer, I have vowed my allegiance, learning, skill, and industry to the client, employing all appropriate legal procedures to protect and advance my clients’ legitimate rights, claims, and objectives. In fulfilling my duties to each client, I am mindful of my obligation to the administration of justice, a truth-seeking process designed to resolve human and societal problems in a rational, peaceful, and efficient manner, at all times employing the highest standards of independent judgment and objectivity. This is why I became a lawyer, and when I represent you – this is what you get.”



Rick Brody, San Francisco – “I was born in Ohio, and grew up hearing stories of how my parents’ friends had lost their jobs when big corporations closed the steel mills and abandoned the cities of the Rust Belt. My family brought me up with a strong sense of social justice, that every person was entitled to respect and to dignity. As a consumer attorney for over twenty five years, I have been privileged to represent decent, honorable people who have been victimized by corporate greed and indifference to safety. I feel proud to work with a law firm that fights tenaciously for the rights of individuals.”

Brent Coon & Associates was recently retained by the Texas Attorney General's Office as a key consultant on environmental emissions.



Jason Cansler, Beaumont – “I’ve always had a strong desire to help those in need. Law has allowed me to fight for people who have been wronged in some manner but do not have the means to protect themselves. Too often we sit back and allow the big business in this nation to take advantage of the common workers in order to reap higher and higher profits. I come into work every day with one purpose, to do everything in my power to ensure all Americans are being granted the rights and opportunities this country has bestowed upon them.”



Alice Coleman, Jackson – “I came to the practice of law because I felt like it was not fair for people who can’t protect themselves to be taken advantage of. I wanted to make sure that I was in a position to do all that I can to prevent this type of behavior. Working in occupational exposure cases is very rewarding for me because the majority of my clients are older, hard working, good people who have been dealt a bad hand. They are being made to suffer because they can not compete with the resources available to the companies that have caused their illness and are looking to escape liability. I try to level the playing field. Our firm is an equalizer- and I am proud to be a part of it.”



Lawrence Gettys, New Orleans/Baton Rouge – “I wanted to practice law so I could help those who could not otherwise help themselves. There is simply no greater feeling in the world than achieving justice for a client who has been wronged by another. In our business, the wrongdoers are usually corporations and insurance companies that prey on those who are the most vulnerable and it is our job as lawyers to prosecute claims against them to the fullest extent.”



Dave Pavlik, Cleveland - "I was raised in a working class family in a steel mill town. My family, friends and classmates worked in conditions that gave little regard to their health and safety. As a result of this indifference to the working class I developed a strong sense of duty to protect and help those who maybe harmed by working conditions in their daily labor. For over twenty years I have proudly represented those who have been victimized and seek justice."



Michael Hugo, Boston – "Everyone always says they 'want to make a difference.' As a consumer attorney, I know that through my representation of clients injured by drugs, vaccines and toxic exposures, I have directly forced the world's largest corporations to change the design of childhood vaccines, take dangerous drugs off the market, tell the truth in their warnings, clean up their toxic mess and allow society to make more informed choices. Those things 'make a difference,' and are why I have never wanted to do anything but practice law on the side of the people."



Jim Kelly, St. Louis – "My goal as an attorney is to work hard for victims to have a voice in court against corporate bullies and to fight for a fair, level playing field where our clients are empowered to demand the fulfillment of justice."

Brent Coon & Associates was recently retained as "Special Prosecutor" by the Oklahoma Attorney General for an investigation into "price fixing" by oil giant British Petroleum.



Robert Klug, Philadelphia - "When I first started my legal career in 1989, as a runner/file clerk, I never imagined this would turn into a life long career. However, the more I came to learn about the injustices and hardships suffered by every day people, all caused by the greed of big business, I decided to go to law school to help right these wrongs. I take great pride in being able to represent these people who have formed the backbone of this country. My approach to representing my clients is to handle each case individually and to work as aggressively and passionately as I would have wanted someone to work for my family"



Frank Wathen, Houston (Greenway) – "Being a consumer attorney means you have a responsibility to stand up for the rights of the general public. I take great pride in representing the American worker and consider it my duty to defend their natural rights when they have been unnecessarily harmed or taken advantage of by corporations. There is no more fulfilling work than to help protect your fellow neighbor from injustices they experience in everyday life."



Dennis Weitzel, Dallas - "As a third generation Texas lawyer, I am proud to represent individuals instead of companies, and families instead of corporations. Every day I have the pleasure of helping people who put their trust in our firm and in me. It is a special feeling that too few get to experience."



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