

2025 EDITION HIGHLIGHTS

What's New in This Edition

Case law. The 2025 edition of **O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action Pleadings** (the "COAP") has been updated to reflect changes in case law from Texas Supreme Court and Texas court of appeals opinions issued through February 2025.

Rule changes. The 2025 edition has also been updated to reflect all relevant changes to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Business courts. In 2023, the Texas Legislature enacted Texas Government Code chapter 25A, which created a new civil trial court in each administrative judicial region in Texas. *See* Acts 2023, 88th Leg. R.S., ch. 380, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2023; House Cmte. on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence, Bill Analysis, Tex. H.B. 19, 88th Leg., R.S. (2023). The new courts, called business courts, specialize in resolving and streamlining complex business disputes. *See* House Cmte. on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence, Bill Analysis, Tex. H.B. 19, 88th Leg., R.S. (2023). Business courts have concurrent jurisdiction with district courts over certain complex business disputes, including some breach-of-fiduciary-duty claims against an owner, controlling person, or managerial official of an organization. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 25A.004(b)-(e). Their jurisdiction does not extend to any action seeking monetary damages for death or bodily injury or involving medical or legal malpractice. Tex. Gov't Code § 25A.004(h). Business courts began operating on September 1, 2024. *See* Acts 2023, 88th Leg. R.S., ch. 380, § 5, eff. Sept. 1, 2023.

Part 1 of the COAP has been updated to address jurisdictional pleading requirements for claims filed in a business court.