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EXPERIENCE

- Represents clients in appellate matters before the Texas Supreme Court, the Texas Courts of Appeals, the United States Supreme Court, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Develops legal arguments and drafts appellate briefs on wide-ranging issues involved in commercial and regulatory disputes
- Regularly presents oral arguments in the Texas Supreme Court and state and federal appellate courts
- Represents clients in all aspects of pretrial preparation as well as in jury and non-jury trials
- Assists trial counsel with legal analysis, complex legal briefing, dispositive motions, jury charge preparation, and preservation of error during trial

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate & Written Advocacy
- Commercial Litigation

DISTINCTIONS

- Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice, 2020-2026
- *Super Lawyers*, Texas Super Lawyer, Appellate, 2014-2025
- *Austin Monthly*, Top Attorney in Appellate Law, 2025
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, Litigation/Appellate Award, 2020

EDUCATION & HONORS

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 2001
 - *The Review of Litigation*, Editor-in-Chief
 - Women's Law Caucus, President
- University of Houston-Victoria, M.B.A., Strategic Management, 2019
- University of Arizona, B.A., Journalism and Political Science, *magna cum laude*, 1996

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, President
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation, Board Member & Fellow
- Austin Bar Association, Civil Appellate Section, Member & Past Chair
- State Bar of Texas
 - Court Rules Committee, Chair of Appellate Rules Subcommittee
 - District 9 Grievance Committee, Member
- The Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court, Member
- Texas Bar College, Member
- CASA of Travis County Volunteer Advocate (20 years) and Powerful Voice Society Member
- Impact Austin, Grants Leadership Team