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**EDUCATION**

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

- Juris doctorate, 2000
- Order of the Coif honors

Duke University, Durham, NC

- A.B. in Political Science and Public Policy Studies, 1997
- *Cum Laude* honors

**EXPERIENCE**

- Successfully handled appeals and original proceedings in Texas state and federal courts, including matters in the Supreme Court of Texas, the Texas courts of appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.
- Previously served as Assistant Solicitor General for the State of Texas, where experience included successful defense of Texas A&M University in federal and state appeals related to tragic bonfire collapse and of the State of Texas in a constitutional challenge to the Texas Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators Act.
- Successfully defended multiple oil-and-gas and energy corporations in high-impact and high-dollar litigation, including in an arbitration case in the Supreme Court of Texas resulting in vacatur of a \$125 million judgment and in a precedent-setting dispute potentially affecting hundreds of millions of dollars in gas royalties.

**RECOGNITIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

- Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.
- Named one of top 25 “Legal Leaders” in Texas under the age of 40 by *Texas Lawyer* in 2013.
- Named “Super Lawyer” in Texas appellate law from 2014-17, and ten times named “Rising Star” in Texas appellate law, by Texas Super Lawyers as published in *Texas Monthly* magazine.
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Finalist for Austin Under 40’s Young Professional of the Year award.
- Past member, Robert W. Calvin Inn of Court in Austin, Texas.
- Speaker at CLEs including on topics such as the petition-for-review practice at the Supreme Court of Texas, suing and defending governmental entities, and the Texas Tort Claims Act.

**COMMUNITY**

- Prevailed in three-year *pro bono* representation of non-profit animal-shelter veterinarian in lawsuit challenging unlawful action by state governmental agency.
- 2009 recipient of Henry Bergh Leadership Award by California-based No Kill Advocacy Center for charitable work to improve municipal animal shelters.
- Served as volunteer legal counsel for non-profit group Austin Pets Alive in Austin, Texas