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**Partner**

## **Professional History**

Senior Counsel, Locke Lord LLP (1995-2015)

Briefing Attorney to Justice John D. Ovard, Court of Appeals, Fifth District of Texas at Dallas (1994 - 1995)

## **Education**

J.D., Southern Methodist University School of Law, 1994

*Hatton W. Sumners Scholar; Order of Barristers*

B.A., Baylor University, 1991

*National Merit Scholar; Outstanding Scholar of the University School (1991)*

## **Professional Affiliations**

Barrister (2016-19), Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court

Appellate Judges' Education Institute Chair (2016-17) and past Executive Committee member (2008-16), ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers

Diversity Vice-Chair for the Corporate Counsel and Business Litigation Committees, ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (2016-17)

Council Member (2015-18), Diversity Committee Co-Chair (2014-17), and Appellate 101 Chair (2017), State Bar of Texas Appellate Section

Advisory Council Member, Dallas Bar Association, Appellate Section (2011-17)

Fellow, American Bar Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation, and Dallas Bar Foundation

## **Awards and Recognitions**

Selected by Super Lawyers to the 2016 Texas Super Lawyers—Appellate and 2016 Top 100 Dallas/Fort Worth Lawyers lists

Selected by D Magazine to the 2016 Best Lawyers in Dallas—Appellate list

Awarded Peer Review Rating of Martindale-Hubbell Distinguished

## **Community Involvement**

Executive Board Member, Trinity Commons Foundation

Visionary Society Member, Texas Appleseed

Member, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society

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## ***Licenses and Certifications***

State Bar of Texas

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CERTIFIED**<sup>®</sup>  
Texas Board of Legal Specialization

CIVIL APPELLATE LAW

## ***Court Admissions***

Supreme Court of the  
United States

U.S. Courts of Appeals  
for the:

Second Circuit

Fifth Circuit

Seventh Circuit

Eighth Circuit

Ninth Circuit

Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Courts for  
the Northern, Southern,  
Eastern, and Western  
Districts of Texas

## **Reported Decisions**

- Kartsotis v. Bloch*, 503 S.W.3d 506 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2016, pet. filed)
- Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co., LP v. Petromax Operating Co., Inc.*, 486 S.W.3d 703 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2016, no pet.)
- Local 731 v. Diodes, Inc.*, 810 F.3d 951 (5th Cir. 2016)
- In re Conner*, 458 S.W.3d 532 (Tex. Mar. 20, 2015)
- Trinity Drywall Sys., LLC v. TOKA General Contractors, Ltd.*, 416 S.W.3d 201 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2013, pet. denied)
- Phillips Petroleum Co. v. Yarbrough*, 405 S.W.3d 70 (Tex. 2013)
- [\*CHCA Woman's Hosp., L.P. v. Lidji\*](#), 403 S.W.3d 228 (Tex. 2013)
- HSBC Bank USA, N.A. v. Watson*, 377 S.W.3d 766 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2012, pets. dism'd by agr.)
- [\*Boutari v. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.\*](#), 429 Fed. App'x 407 (5th Cir. 2011)
- Service Corp. Int'l v. Guerra*, 348 S.W.3d 221 (Tex. 2011)
- Taylor v. Acxiom Corp.*, 612 F.3d 325 (5th Cir. 2010)
- Rivera v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.*, 262 S.W.3d 834 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2008, no pet.)
- In re Jordan*, 249 S.W.3d 416 (Tex. 2008)
- In re XTO Resources I, LP*, 248 S.W.3d 898 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2008, orig. proceeding)
- Karr v. Hefner*, 475 F.3d 1192 (10th Cir. 2007)
- In re SCI Tex. Funeral Servs., Inc.*, 236 S.W.3d 759 (Tex. 2007)
- Henry Schein, Inc. v. Stromboe*, 102 S.W.3d 675 (Tex. 2002)
- Simmons Airlines v. Lagrotte*, 50 S.W.3d 748 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2001, pet. denied)

## **Selected Papers, Presentations, and Articles**

- Great Expectations: What Appellate Lawyers Expect from Appellate Judges – And Vice-Versa!*, Author/Moderator (ABA Annual Meeting, August 5, 2016)
- Reel Appeal: Legal Ethics in the Movies*, Author/Panelist (Appellate Judges Education Institute, November 15, 2015)
- The Newly Prominent Role of Equitable Claims in Litigation*, Author/Presenter (State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course, September 11, 2015)
- Sticky Wickets and Googlies: Identifying and Handling Lurking Settlement Issues*, Author/Presenter (State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course 2015)
- Court of Appeals Judges Panel: Notice of Appeal Through Briefing*, Moderator (State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course, September 4, 2014)
- You Have to Know Where to Stand: Why It All Comes Down to Causation*, Author/Presenter (State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course 2014)
- Continuing Issues in Multi-District Litigation*, Moderator (Locke Lord Advanced Topics in Class Action Litigation Webinar, May 15, 2014)
- State and Federal Jury Charges: From Drafting Through Charge Conference*, Author/Presenter (State Bar of Texas Civil Appellate Practice 101, September 11, 2013)
- Inside the Judicial Sanctum: The Art and Science of Judicial Decision-Making*, Panel Moderator (Appellate Judges' Education Institute, November 11, 2011), available in the C-SPAN video library at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/302639-1>