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Former Justice Terry Adams is ranked as one of Texas' top appellate lawyers by *The Best Lawyers in America*, *H Texas Magazine*, and *Texas Super Lawyers*. His appellate practice is focused on handling civil appeals and original proceedings in state and federal courts of appeals, the Supreme Court of Texas and the United States Supreme Court. Terry's appellate practice spans commercial and business disputes, trade secrets, constitutional law, election law, administrative law, and arbitration issues. He also utilizes his intricate knowledge of the law and court procedure to assist litigators with preservation of error at trial, the court's charge, post-verdict motions, dispositive law motions, and briefing during trial and in arbitration proceedings.

Notable Work

Constitutional Law: Obtained a reversal in the Supreme Court of Texas of a defamation case brought by a public official against an internet publisher.

Government: Successfully represented the head of a county commissioners' court in the Supreme Court of Texas in a case involving the separation of powers.

Texas Anti-SLAPP Statute: Successfully represented the president of a political advocacy group in the Supreme Court of Texas in a case involving the Texas anti-SLAPP statute and recovery of fees under the statute.

Oil and Gas: Represented an offshore drilling company in the Fifth Circuit and successfully defended injunctive and declaratory relief from attack by an intervenor environmental

Education and Clerkships

J.D., South Texas College of Law – Houston

Editor-in-Chief, *South Texas Law Review*

B.A., Denison University, Political Science,
Economics

Briefing Attorney, the Honorable Justice
Raul A. Gonzalez, Supreme Court of Texas

Judicial Intern, Fourteenth Court of
Appeals at Houston

Admissions

Texas

Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of
Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of
Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of
Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of
Texas

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

group that required the government to act upon specific drilling permit applications.

Trade Secrets: Secured victories for a catalyst activation company in two mandamus proceedings in the court of appeals involving discovery of confidential customer information and won again on appeal involving claims for breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Aviation: Successfully represented an airplane component manufacturer in upholding a dismissal with prejudice based on the trial court's inherent power.

Residential Home Builder: Successfully represented a home builder in a commercial dispute involving noncompliance with a condition precedent.

Residential Home Builder: Successfully represented a home builder in a mandamus proceeding involving the disqualification of opposing counsel's firm.

Residential Home Builder: Obtained a writ of mandamus in the Supreme Court of Texas for a home builder compelling arbitration against a non-signatory to an arbitration agreement.

Voting Rights Act: Obtained reversal of an award of attorneys' fees to a plaintiff who was not a prevailing party at trial.

Election Law: Successfully represented a state senator in the court of appeals in an election contest mandamus involving candidate residency under the Texas Constitution.

Healthcare: Obtained a reversal for a healthcare provider under the Texas Medical Liability Act where the plaintiff did not timely serve an expert report.

Healthcare: Obtained mandamus relief in a case of first impression under the Texas Medical Liability Act holding that a mandatory stay of all discovery is required under the Act when a healthcare defendant pursues an interlocutory appeal based on the sufficiency of a medical report.

Automotive: Successfully obtained reversal of an administrative final order for a truck manufacturer where the agency re-decided its own judicially affirmed determination of good cause to terminate a dealership.

Automotive: Obtained a writ of mandamus in the Supreme Court of Texas upholding German privacy laws for an automobile manufacturer in a discovery dispute.

Professional Honors

Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* (Appellate), 2018-2021

Selected as a *Texas Super Lawyer*, Thomson Reuters (Appellate), 2011-2021

Named a Top Lawyer in Houston by *H Texas Magazine*, H Texas Partners, 2007-2021

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell, 2003-2021

Professional Activities

Member, State Bar Court Rules Committee, Appellate Sub-Committee, 2019-2022

Member, Jury Task Force, Supreme Court of Texas, 1996

Board Member, Advisory Council for the *South Texas Law Review*

Member, Supreme Court of Texas Historical Society

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation

Affiliations

State Bar of Texas, Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section

Houston Bar Association, Appellate Practice Section

American Bar Association

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

College of the State Bar of Texas

Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit

Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court

Newsroom

Quoted in "Texas High Court Pauses Trial in Galveston Separation of Powers War," *Texas Lawyer*, January 8, 2016

Quoted in "Texas High Court Likely to Boost Medical Malpractice Reform," *Law 360*, January 4, 2013.