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Rick Thompson is an experienced civil trial and appellate attorney who is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Formerly an Assistant Solicitor General at the Solicitor General's Office of the Attorney General of Texas, Rick has successfully presented numerous oral arguments in state appellate courts throughout Texas, including the Supreme Court of Texas, and before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also has appeared before the United States Supreme Court in several cases. Rick's appellate experience spans many substantive and procedural areas, including state and federal constitutional and jurisdictional issues, as well as administrative and governmental appeals. He has particular depth in issues relating to sovereign immunity. Over the course of his career, he has represented clients that include oil and gas companies, governmental entities, and private individuals.

Rick began his legal career as a litigator. Drawing on this background, he represents clients not only in post-trial proceedings and in all facets of the appellate process, but also assists them during the pretrial and trial phases of litigation. He is often asked to collaborate with trial counsel to develop and execute pretrial and trial strategies, formulate key dispositive motions, and prepare jury charges. Rick also handles supersedeas bond issues and has participated in a number of *amicus curiae* briefs.

A frequent participant in appellate conferences in Texas, Rick has spoken on a range of topics, including interlocutory appeals and mandamus proceedings.

Rick received his undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Louisiana State University and graduated with honors and Order of the Coif from the University of Texas School of Law, where he was Executive Editor of the Texas Law Review. Following his graduation from law school, he clerked for the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 1993); Executive Editor, *Texas Law Review*; Order of the Coif
- Louisiana State University (B.S., *cum laude*, 1990)

CLERKSHIP

- Law Clerk to the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

CERTIFICATIONS

- Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

HONORS

- Texas Super Lawyers (2014-2015), Thomson Reuters legal division
- *D Magazine*, Best Lawyers in Dallas (2013, 2015)

AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation
- Life Member, Texas Law Review
- Board of Directors, Dallas Resource Center
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Former Member, Civil Appellate Law Commission of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2008-2014)