

Mark Trachtenberg in Texas Lawyer: ‘A Fifth Circuit Judge Gregg Costa’s Exit Interview: ‘A Monumental Loss’ for the Courts’

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Haynes Boone Partner [Mark Trachtenberg](#) was featured in a *Texas Lawbook* article. Below is an excerpt:

Mark Trachtenberg, a partner at Haynes Boone in Houston who has handled dozens of cases at the Fifth Circuit, said [Judge Gregg] Costa’s departure is “a monumental loss” for the appellate court.

“His majority opinions will have a lasting impact because, without fail, they were very well-reasoned and have brought great clarity to many areas of the law,” Trachtenberg said. “And while his dissenting opinions do not have the force of law, they always helped sharpen the terms of the debate and made the stakes clear.

“But I hope that his biggest impact will be that future judges on that court will follow his example of how to build bridges across ideological divides, how to disagree without being disagreeable and how to break out of the isolation of chambers to dialogue with the bar, law students and the public about the important work that goes on in that court,” he said.

Excerpted from *Texas Lawyer*. To read the full article, click [here](#).