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PRACTICES Appellate, Oil and Gas Litigation

Polly Fohn has more than fifteen years' experience handling complex commercial appeals in Texas and has argued high-stakes cases to the Texas Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit. She excels at transforming complicated facts and legal arguments into simple and persuasive briefs.

Polly is recognized in Texas appellate litigation by *Chambers USA* (Chambers and Partners), where she has been praised by clients as “a persuasive writer who can distill complex disputes into strong arguments.” She is also skilled at drafting jury charges and other key trial pleadings that can set a case up for a successful appeal long before it actually reaches an appellate court.

Polly graduated from Harvard Law School cum laude and clerked for the Honorable R. Lanier Anderson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

She is active in the Houston legal community, where she is a Past-Chair of the Houston Bar Foundation and is a former Editor-in-Chief of *The Houston Lawyer* magazine.

Click [here](#) to watch Polly’s latest argument before the Texas Supreme Court.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 2008, cum laude, *Journal on Legislation*, Supervising Editor
- B.S., Chemistry, Brown University, 2004, magna cum laude, with honors

CLERKSHIPS

- Law Clerk, the Honorable R. Lanier Anderson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2008-2009)

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
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SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- In refinery construction dispute, assisted trial team with strategy, legal briefing, and preparing and arguing the jury charge in a trial that resulted in a favorable judgment of approximately \$35 million.
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA*, Chambers and Partners, for Litigation: Appellate (Texas), 2023-2024
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers*, Woodward/White, Inc., for Appellate Practice, 2021
- Included among the *Texas Rising Stars* Up-and-Coming 100 list, Thomson Reuters, 2020-2021