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PRACTICES Appellate, Litigation, False Claims Act, Qui Tam and Litigation, Media and Entertainment Litigation, Products Liability Litigation, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Power and Renewables Litigation, Insurance Recovery

As a pastor's son and former aspiring sportscaster, Andrew Guthrie knows the value of grabbing – and keeping – an audience's attention. His clients appreciate that he brings this skill to their cases, whether in briefs to the appellate court or arguments to the jury. But Andrew also knows that once that attention is earned, substance is paramount. So he works with clients to identify and communicate their most important arguments in clear, thorough, and ultimately effective ways.

Andrew focuses his practice on appeals and critical trial court briefing across an array of subject matters in business disputes and government investigations, including issues involving insurance coverage, bankruptcy, energy, products liability, intellectual property, and the False Claims Act.

Through in-depth analysis of a case's most important legal and factual questions and his natural ability to clearly communicate those points to a judge or a jury, Andrew consistently provides effective representation to his clients no matter the case or the stage. He was named "Appellate Lawyer of the Week" by *Texas Lawyer* (ALM Media Properties, LLC) after successfully arguing a First Amendment case to the Fifth Circuit, despite being retained mere weeks before oral argument. Andrew has also been recognized by *Texas Super Lawyers* in 2023 and as a "Rising Star" in 2016-2021 (Thomson Reuters) and, in 2020, he received the Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyer Professionalism Award from the American Bar Association's Center for Professional Responsibility.

Andrew's recent work includes:

- Reversing summary judgments and securing insurance coverage in multiple separate appeals on behalf of corporate policyholders
- Securing dismissal on the pleadings of a False Claims Act lawsuit arising out of the development and testing of a Covid-19 vaccine
- Persuading the Fifth Circuit to affirm the dismissal of a False Claims Act lawsuit under the FCA's "first-to-file rule" and persuading the United States Supreme Court to deny two related petitions for certiorari
- Prevailing in two high-profile appeals for the National Football League by securing affirmance of take-nothing summary judgments in the Dallas Court of Appeals and persuading the Texas Supreme Court to deny review

- Obtaining mandamus relief from the Dallas Court of Appeals to dismiss all claims against a faith-based school under the First Amendment ecclesiastical abstention doctrine

Away from the office, Andrew serves as a deacon at his local congregation and as a member of the board of directors for Christian Unity Ministries.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Baylor University School of Law, 2011, valedictorian, *summa cum laude*; Managing Executive Editor, *Baylor Law Review*
- B.J., Broadcast Journalism, University of Missouri, 2008, *magna cum laude*

CLERKSHIPS

- Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Don Willett, Texas Supreme Court (2011-2012)

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to serve on the Professional Ethics Committee for the State Bar of Texas, 2017-2023
 - Barrister, Higginbotham Inn of Court, 2019-2022
 - Associate, Patrick Higginbotham Inn of Court, 2017-2018
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Included in the "Ones to Watch" category of Best Lawyers in America, Woodward/White, Inc., 2022-2024
- Recognized by *The Legal 500*, U.S., Legalese, 2022
- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters, 2023
- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Thomson Reuters, 2016-2021
- Named "Appellate Lawyer of the Week" by the *Texas Lawyer*, February 2016