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PRACTICES Appellate, Litigation, Power and Renewables Litigation

Chris Knight started his legal career as a judicial law clerk, first at the Texas Supreme Court and then at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Now an advocate, Chris draws on that experience to advance his clients' interests throughout the trial and appellate process. Chris has argued and briefed appeals dealing with a variety of cutting-edge legal issues—from the types of damages available in fraud cases, to the application of Texas' anti-SLAPP statute, to whether sovereign immunity protects private entities.

Chris is active in his community and local bar. He serves as the Chair of the Tarrant County Bar Association's Appellate Section, is the Secretary of the Fort Worth Chapter of the Federalist Society, and is a Barrister in the Eldon Mahon Inn of Court. He also serves on the advisory board for a local nonprofit that helps ex-offenders to reenter and excel in society. Outside the law, Chris is active in his congregation and enjoys playing tennis as well as spending time with his wife and three daughters.

Chris graduated first in his class from SMU Dedman School of Law, where he served as lead articles editor on the *SMU Law Review* and as an officer in the Christian Legal Society.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 2015, valedictorian; *summa cum laude*; Order of the Coif; lead articles editor, *SMU Law Review*
- B.B.A., Abilene Christian University, 2012

CLERKSHIPS

- Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Leslie H. Southwick, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2016-2017

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Jeff Brown, Texas Supreme Court, 2015-2016

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Second Court of Appeals Panel, moderator, *DCBA/TCBA Appellate Section Joint Seminar*, September 22, 2023.
 - Fort Worth Judicial Panel, moderator, *Tarrant County Bar Association Brown Bag: Appellate Law*, January 27, 2023.
 - "Practice Before the Supreme Court of Texas," speaker, *State Bar of Texas: Civil Appellate Practice 101*, December 1, 2021.
 - "Justice Paul Green's Legacy on the Texas Supreme Court," co-author, *The Texas Lawbook*, July 24, 2020.
 - Judicial Profile: Judge Mark T. Pittman, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, author, *The Texas Lawbook*, June 17, 2020.
 - "Texas Supreme Court 2018-19 Term Review" and "Brave New World: Changes to the Texas Citizen's Participation Act (TCPA) and Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 91a," speaker, ACU Alumni Bar Association CLE, October 2019.
 - "State and Federal Appellate Procedure," speaker, *State Bar of Texas Appellate Section: Appellate Diversity Committee CLE*, April 2019.
 - "Rule 91a Dismissals and Appeals," co-author, *The University of Texas School of Law State and Federal Appeals CLE*, June 2018.
 - "Texas Supreme Court Update," co-author, *State Bar of Texas Appellate Section Appellate Advocate*, quarterly, beginning in 2018.
 - "International Human Rights Litigation After Bauman: the Viability of Veil Piercing to Hale Foreign Parent Corporations into U.S. Courts," author, 41 U. Dayton L. Rev. 213, 2016.
 - "Post-Kiobel Procedure: Subject Matter or Prescriptive Jurisdiction?" co-author, 19 UCLA J. Int'l L. & Foreign Aff. 49, 2015.
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Included in *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars* directory, Thomson Reuters, 2023-2024
- Included in the "Ones to Watch" category of *Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 2021-2024
- Chosen as a Top Attorney in *Fort Worth, Texas magazine*, Panther City Media Group, LP, 2021