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PRACTICES Appellate, Litigation, Texas Business Courts Task Force

As an appellate litigation practitioner, Natasha Breaux routinely advocates in federal and state appellate courts, such as the United States Supreme Court, Texas Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit, and Texas Courts of Appeals. She also often serves as appellate counsel on trial teams, which entails collaborating on long-term case strategy, preparing dispositive motions, crafting the jury charge, and preserving error. Natasha Breaux has developed a keen understanding of the statutes and proposed rules to govern the procedures of the new 15th Court of Appeals and Business Courts.

As a former law clerk to federal judges at both the appellate and trial level, Natasha understands first-hand how appellate and trial courts make decisions. Her experience and reputation for excellence is reflected in professional honors that include being named in the top “Up-and-Coming 50 Women” and “Up-and-Coming 100” by *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars* and recognized in the “Ones to Watch” category of Best Lawyers in America.

Natasha is an active leader of numerous legal organizations, including serving on the council of the Texas State Bar Appellate Section, as chair of the Houston Bar Association Federal Practice Section, and on the editorial board of *The Houston Lawyer* magazine. In addition, she frequently authors articles and gives presentations on appellate matters, ranging from reasons for reversal on appeal to preservation of error at trial.

As a native Houstonian, Natasha is active in her community, including regularly volunteering to represent clients pro bono and as a United Way Young Leader. Before her legal career, Natasha received her MBA and worked in business operations for an international company. She also worked abroad for a year. Through these experiences, she gained knowledge about international business operations, which allows her to better understand the goals and challenges of her international business clients.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2013, *magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, *Houston Law Review*
- M.B.A., University of Houston, 2013, *summa cum laude*
- B.S., Texas A&M University, 2006, *summa cum laude*

CLERKSHIPS

- Law Clerk to the Honorable Fortunato P. Benavides, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2015-2016
- Law Clerk to the Honorable David Hittner, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2013-2015

ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
 - U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Error Preservation at Trial," speaker, Texas Bar's 45th-Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course, August 18, 2022 (Dallas) & July 7, 2022 (Houston).
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Winter 2021.
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Summer 2021.
- "[American Bar Foundation: The Foundation of Vital Community Programs](#)," author, *The Houston Lawyer*, March/April 2021.
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Summer 2020.
- "[Reasons for Reversal in the Texas Courts of Appeals](#)," author, 57 HOUS. L. REV. 671 (2020), April 11, 2020.
- "PI On Appeal: Overview and the Shifting Trends," co-author, *The Houston Lawyer*, January/February 2020.
- "[Appellate Year-in-Review: The Fifth Circuit and SCOTX](#)," co-author, *Texas Lawbook*, December 26, 2019.
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Winter 2019.
- "Reasons for Reversal in the Texas Courts of Appeals," co-author, State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course, Austin, TX, September 2019.
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Winter 2018.
- "[Objecting to Summary Judgment Evidence in State Court: Recent Clarifications and Remaining Complications](#)," co-author, *Houston Lawyer*, October 19, 2018.
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, TexasBarCLE's 32nd Annual Course: Advanced Civil Appellate Practice, Austin, Texas, September 6, 2018.
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Spring/Summer 2018.
- "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Fall 2017.

- "[Legislative Update: Appellate Practice](#)," co-author, *The Houston Lawyer*, September/October 2017.
 - "[Fifth Circuit Update](#)," co-author, *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Summer 2017.
 - "[Free Speech at Private Universities: Protected or Not?](#)" co-author, *Law360*, May 4, 2017.
 - "[University Speech Codes: Essential or Unconstitutional?](#)" co-author, *Law360*, April 24, 2017.
 - "Court Procedure," speaker, Attorney Admission Workshop for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, November 2013.
 - "Analysis of the Proposed Amendments to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 Pertaining to Nonparty Subpoenas for Documents," author, 50 *Houston Law Review* 191, Fall 2012.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, Council Member & Website Committee Chair
 - Houston Bar Association Federal Practice Section, Chair
 - *The Houston Lawyer* Magazine, Editorial Board Member
 - Houston Bar Association Appellate Section
 - Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court
 - Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
 - Houston Bar Foundation, Fellow
 - Federalist Society
 - Christian Legal Society
 - United Way of Greater Houston, Young Leader
 - Pro Bono Volunteer for the Houston Bar Association Appellate Section's Pro Bono Program and Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program
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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Included in the "Ones to Watch" category of *Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 2021-2025
- Named a *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star* in Appellate, Thomson Reuters, 2020-2024
- Included in *Texas Super Lawyers Women's Edition Rising Stars* directory, Thomson Reuters, 2023
- Recognized in the top "Up-and-Coming 50 Women" and "Up-and-Coming 100" by *Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Thomson Reuters, 2020-2023