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Services

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Alan Wright focuses his practice in the trial and appeal of commercial litigation matters in both state and federal courts. Prior to joining the firm, Alan was a partner at Crouch & Ramey, a litigation law firm based in Dallas, Texas, where his practice included appellate, banking and finance, bankruptcy, construction, contract and business tort, energy, insurance, labor and employment real estate, land use and zoning, probate, and securities litigation. Previously, Alan practiced for 29 years at a national commercial law firm where his practice included banking and finance, bankruptcy, construction, contract and business torts, energy, insurance, labor and employment, real estate, land use and zoning, probate, and securities matters.

Alan is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has worked extensively as a consultant and advisor to trial lawyers before, during, and after trial. In addition to his traditional appellate court practice, Alan has also focused his appellate efforts on summary judgments, expert witness challenges, jury charges, disqualification and recusal, arbitration-related litigation, mandamus and other extraordinary writs, supersedeas and judgment enforcement, and attorney's fees issues. He regularly counsels clients in the coordination of legal strategies and business goals, particularly in the evaluation of potential appeals.

Alan was recognized as a Texas "Super Lawyer" in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2009 for Appellate Law and again in 2024 and the 13 years immediately preceding for Business Litigation by *Super Lawyers* magazine. Alan was also recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Commercial Litigation in 2027 and the 14 years immediately preceding. Alan was recognized with Kilpatrick's 2022 Diversity & Inclusion Legal Service Award for his diligence and dedication in advancing justice and equality and/or diversity and inclusion in the legal field through his work at the firm. He is AV Preeminent® rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

Experience

Represented plaintiff technology company in suit for breach of contract, misappropriation of trade secrets, violations of state and federal computer fraud and abuse statutes, and injunctive relief brought against licensees in federal court in Texas. Obtained summary judgment as to liability on plaintiff's affirmative claims and dismissal of defendants' counterclaims for breach of contract, promissory estoppel, antitrust, fraud, and deceptive trade practices.

Defended technology company in parallel suits by licensee and affiliated parties asserting unfair competition and seeking declaration of unenforceability of non-competition provisions of license agreement in federal courts in California and Texas. Obtained transfer and dismissal of California suit and summary judgment dismissing plaintiffs' claims in Texas.

Defended technology company in suit by individual plaintiffs in federal court in California for negligence relating to optical character recognition technology. Obtained dismissal of plaintiffs' complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted.

Education

University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs M.P.A. (1982)

University of Texas School of Law J.D. (1982) *with honors*

University of Texas at Austin B.A. (1978) *with high honors*

Admissions

Texas (1985)

New Mexico (1982)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico

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

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

U.S. Supreme Court

Professional & Community Activities

Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Civil Appellate Law, Board Certified (1996-Present)

State Bar of New Mexico, Member

State Bar of Texas, Member

American Bar Association, Member

Dallas Bar Association, Member

Dallas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

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