

## **Dan Hinde**

### **Partner**

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### **Practice Areas**

Appellate  
Arbitration  
Construction  
Energy  
Trial

### **Education**

University of Texas School of Law, J.D.,  
1997, with honors; Articles editor, *Texas Law  
Review*

Texas A&M University, B.S., Electrical  
Engineering, 1994, magna cum laude, Buck  
Weirus Spirit Award

### **Admissions**

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

State Bar of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern,  
and Southern Districts of Texas



### **OVERVIEW**

Dan's experience spans the full range of civil trial and appellate litigation, focusing on complex commercial disputes, internal governance controversies, non-compete cases, and trade secret litigation. He joined Schiffer Hicks Johnson in 2019 after 10 years as judge of the 269th District Court of Harris County, Texas.

During his time on the bench, Dan tried nearly 300 cases and resolved more than 15,000 matters. Known for his level-headed, analytical approach to the law, he built a strong reputation as an efficient and ethical adjudicator. In 2017, after Hurricane Harvey devastated the Harris County Jury Assembly Building, Dan led the effort to redesign and restore the system for summoning, welcoming, and assigning juries for 85 trial courts in Harris County.

Before his appointment to the court, Dan worked as a trial lawyer in the Houston office of Vinson & Elkins. In this capacity, he represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of cases—including commercial, construction, corporate governance, employment, energy, maritime, mass tort, non-compete personal injury, products liability, securities fraud, technology, and trade secret litigation. He has also prosecuted criminal cases and represented indigent defendants challenging their sentences. Following law school, Dan clerked for U.S. District Judge Sim Lake of the Southern District of Texas.

"Dan offers that rare combination of experience, professionalism, and a practical eye for which fights to pick and which to let go."

### **NOTABLE EXPERIENCE**

- Certified in Civil Jurisprudence by the Texas College for Judicial Studies (2017)
- Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2016)

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### **PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- "The Jury Charge," Bar of Texas Civil Appellate Practice 101 (update of conference material) (2017)
- "Motions for Continuance," *The Advocate* (the State Bar of Litigation Section's quarterly journal) (2015)
- "A Glossary of Common Trial Objections," *The Houston Lawyer* (2013)
- "What Law Applies?" *The Houston Lawyer* (2012)
- "Trying Your Maritime Case in State Court," 26th Annual Admiralty and Maritime Law Conference (September 2017)
- "Litigation on the Gulf Coast," panel discussion, Marine and Energy Law Conference (2017)
- "The Ins and Outs of Early Dismissal," Texas Regional Judicial Conferences (2017)
- "Effective Voir Dire" (several times over many years)
- "Implementing, Enforcing, and Amending Discovery Orders," Texas Regional Judicial Conferences (2016)
- "Objection!" Litigation Section, Houston Bar Association (2015)
- "60 Apps in 60 Minutes," HBA Bench-Bar Conference (2015) and Texas Annual Judicial Conference (2012)
- "iJudging," Texas Annual Judicial Conference (2013)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS (ACCORDION TAB)**

- Outstanding Legal Article, Houston Bar Association (2013)

### **AFFILIATIONS (ACCORDION TAB)**

- Houston Bar Association (HBA) Judicial Polls Committee
- Voting Member, Texas State Judicial Committee on Information Technology (2016-present)
- Member, Pattern Jury Charge Oversight Committee, State Bar of Texas (2013-present)
- Director, Texas Center for the Judiciary Board of Directors (2017-2018)
- Chair, Jury Committee, Harris County District Courts (2017-2018)
- Member, Finance Committee, Texas Center for the Judiciary (2016-2017)
- Member, Court Rules Committee, State Bar of Texas (2007-2013)
- Former chair, Houston Bar Association Federal Practice Section (2007-2008)
- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Hispanic Bar Association
- Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston
- Association of Women Attorneys
- Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
- College of the State Bar of Texas
- Texas Bar Fellows
- Aggie Bar Association