

## Warren

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Warren Harris chairs the firm's appellate practice group. He handles high-stakes appeals in Texas and across the country. He has handled hundreds of appeals, primarily handling cases that were originally tried by other law firms. He also serves as appellate counsel in major trials to provide strategic advice, preserve of error, argue jury charges, and handle post-verdict motions.

Warren is immediate past president of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Warren has received the Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award from the Texas Bar Foundation. He is past president of the Houston Bar Association, past president of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society and past Chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Fellows. Warren is also past Chair of the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, the Houston Bar Association Appellate Practice Section, and the IADC Appellate Practice Committee. He is a frequent lecturer at legal education seminars.

Warren served as an adjunct professor in appellate advocacy at the University of Texas School of Law and the University of Houston Law Center and served as a briefing attorney for the Supreme Court of Texas. He has been appointed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline as special assistant appellate disciplinary counsel in attorney discipline proceedings. He has also represented the United States as an Appellate Special Prosecutor.

### Practices

[Appellate Litigation](#)

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## Credentials

### Education

- University of Law, London, J.D., 1988, *cum laude*

# BRACEWELL

- University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College, B.B.A., 1985

## **Bar Admissions**

- Texas

## **Texas Center for Legal Ethics**

- Chief Justice Jack Pope Professionalism Award, 2024

## **American Academy of Appellate Lawyers**

- President, 2023

## **Anti-Defamation League**

- Karen H. Susman Jurisprudence Award, 2023

## **Texas Bar Foundation**

- Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award, 2017

## **Chambers USA**

- Texas Litigation: Appellate, 2006 – 2024

## **ALM Media Properties**

- *National Law Journal*, General Litigation Trailblazers, 2023

## **BL Rankings**

- *Best Lawyers*, Appellate Practice, 2007 – 2025
- *Best Lawyers*, Houston Lawyer of the Year, Appellate Practice, 2014
- *Best Lawyers*, Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2021 – 2025
- *Best Lawyers*, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants, 2021 – 2025
- *Best Lawyers*, Commercial Litigation, 2025

## **The Legal 500 United States**

- Dispute Resolution – Appellate: Courts of Appeals/Appellate: Supreme Courts (States and Federal), 2020 – 2024
- Dispute Resolution – Appellate: Courts of Appeals, 2016 – 2019
- Litigation: Supreme Court and Appellate, 2014 – 2015

## **Lawdragon Inc.**

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America*, Appellate, 2024 – 2025

## **Thomson Reuters**

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2003 – 2023
- *Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers*, 2008 – 2023

## **Internet Brands, Inc.**

- *Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ Rating*

## **Houston Bar Association**

- President's Award, 2016, 2010, 2007, 1994

## **State Bar of Texas**

- Gene Cavin Award (Excellence in Continuing Legal Education), 2014

## **Texas Bar Foundation**

- Warren W. Harris Outstanding Nominating Chair Award, 2014

## **University of Houston Law Alumni Association**

- Alumnus of the Year, 2007

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## **Publications & Speeches**

- "Appellate Law," 86 *Texas Bar Journal* 897, 2023.
- "Mandamus Proceedings in the Texas Supreme Court," State Bar of Texas, *Texas Supreme Court: History & Current Practice*, 2023.
- Preface to "Women in Texas Law," 2023.
- "Comparing and Contrasting State and Federal Appeals," State Bar of Texas, *Civil Appellate Practice* 101, 2022.
- "Appellate Law," 85 *Texas Bar Journal* 27, 2022.
- "Preparing a Winning Brief on the Merits," State Bar of Texas, *Texas Supreme Court: History & Current Practice* (2021).
- "Appellate Law," 84 *Texas Bar Journal* 25, 2021.
- "Mandamus for the Trial Lawyer," State Bar of Texas, 43rd Annual Advanced Appellate Practice Course, 2020.
- "Appellate Law," 83 *Texas Bar Journal* 31, 2020.
- Preface to "The Chief Justices of Texas," 2020.
- "Can I Appeal This? Interlocutory Appeals and Mandamus," State Bar of Texas, 33rd Annual Advanced Appellate Practice Course, 2019.

- “Mandamus for the Trial Lawyer,” State Bar of Texas 42nd Annual Advanced Civil Trial Practice Course, 2019.
- “Appellate Law,” 82 *Texas Bar Journal* 25, 2019.
- “Strategies for Respondents: The Path to 'Affirmed',” State Bar of Texas, 32nd Annual Advanced Civil Appellate Course, 2018.
- “Can I Appeal This? Practical Applications for Trial Lawyers,” State Bar of Texas, 41st Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course, 2018.
- “Appellate Law,” 81 *Texas Bar Journal* 23, 2018.
- “Strategies in Preparing Petitioner’s Briefs on the Merits,” State Bar of Texas, Practice Before the Texas Supreme Court, 2017.
- Preface to “Law and the Texas Frontier,” 2017.
- “Considerations When Drafting Rule 11 and Settlement Agreements,” The Advocate, State Bar of Texas Litigation Section, at 33, Spring 2017.
- “Appellate Law,” 80 *Texas Bar Journal* 21, 2017.
- “Winning Strategies for Petitioners and Respondents in the Texas Supreme Court,” Appellate Practice Section, Houston Bar Association, 2017.
- “Lesson Plan: A new judicial civics project takes off.” 79 *Texas Bar Journal* 442, 2016.
- “Appellate Law,” 79 *Texas Bar Journal* 27, 2016.
- Preface to *Taming Texas: How Law and Order Came to the Lone Star State*, 2016.
- “Chiefs’ Forum: The Past, Present, and Future of the Supreme Court of Texas,” American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, 2016.
- “Texas Supreme Court and Fifth Circuit Update,” State Bar of Texas, Annual Meeting, 2016.
- “Appellate Law,” 78 *Texas Bar Journal* 28, 2015.
- “New Program to Celebrate Twentieth Anniversary of HBA Mentoring,” *The Houston Lawyer*, at 32, Nov.-Dec. 2015.
- “Challenges & Successes as Chief Justice,” History of Texas and Supreme Court Jurisprudence, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society and State Bar of Texas, 2015.
- “Petitioner’s and Respondent’s Best Strategies,” Practice Before the Texas Supreme Court, State Bar of Texas, 2015.
- “Legal Malpractice Damages,” 7th Annual Damages in Civil Litigation Course, State Bar of Texas, 2015.