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JIMMY HOPPER IS A SKILLED LITIGATOR AND ADVOCATE with extensive experience representing clients in both federal and state courts. He handles all stages of litigation, with a focus on commercial disputes, real estate disputes, shareholder litigation, and professional liability matters. His broad legal background allows him to provide clients with strategic counsel on a wide range of complex issues. In addition, Mr. Hopper advises clients on matters related to college athletics, including the evolving landscape of Name, Image, and Likeness (“NIL”) rights.

Beyond his legal practice, Mr. Hopper is deeply committed to education and community service. A former Teach for America corps member, he holds a master’s degree in education and remains a strong advocate for educational excellence and opportunity for all students.



PRACTICE FOCUS & EXPERIENCE

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- » (S.D. Tex.) – Represented individual defendants in securities litigation brought by shareholders against an oil and gas company, alleging false and misleading statements in public filings related to new development techniques
- » (W.D. Okla.) – Represented company in securities litigation brought by shareholders against software company, alleging violations of federal securities law and derivative litigation
- » (JAMS Arbitration) – Assisted in obtaining complete summary disposition in favor of a law firm against a claim by a former client that the law firm purportedly caused the client to suffer damages resulting from the sale of company affordable housing assets
- » (5th Cir.); (N.D. Tex.) – Assisted with a successful motion for preliminary injunction in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of an administrative enforcement proceeding against a banking client; also represented client on appeal in the Fifth Circuit
- » (Tex. Dist. – Hays County) – Represented a law firm that obtained a favorable settlement in action brought by a former client alleging damages resulted from a purported conflict of interest
- » (U.S.) – Assisted with drafting amici brief on behalf of multiple banking trade groups regarding constitutional issues pertaining to the banking industry in SEC v. Jarkesy, No. 22-859
- » (10th Cir.); (N.D. Okla.) – Member of team that obtained complete dismissal of securities fraud class action filed against aerospace manufacturer and affirmed on appeal to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- » (S.D. Tex.) Represented technology company that obtained a favorable settlement in a federal securities class action lawsuit

- » (AAA Arbitration) – Assisted in the defense of a law firm against a claim by a former client that the law firm purportedly caused the client to suffer death-penalty sanctions in underlying litigation
- » (E.D. Pa.) – Represented energy company and its executives in unitholder class action alleging violations of federal securities laws and derivative litigation
- » (Bankr. S.D. Tex.) – Represented ceramic proppant company as debtor-in-possession in successfully defeating a motion to appoint an equity committee and obtaining confirmation of a contested Chapter 11 plan of reorganization
- » (Tex. Dist. – Harris County) – Assisted in obtaining a complete summary judgment on a plaintiff's litigation-malpractice claims against a lawyer and law firm arising from an underlying divorce proceeding, including judgment on counterclaim for the firm's unpaid attorney's fees
- » (AAA Arbitration) – Successfully represented company president in obtaining a judgment for breach of an employment agreement. Following a three-day arbitration, obtained an award for full damages owed and successfully defended against counterclaims asserted by Respondent

REAL ESTATE

- » Represent real estate investment company in disputes with tenants across multiple commercial office properties, assisting with demand letters, tenant lockouts, and litigation
- » Represent commercial office landlords with negotiating initial lease agreements and lease amendments
- » Represented commercial office landlord entity in a pre-litigation dispute with tenant over ground lease payments, resulting in tenant continuing to make timely ground lease payments
- » (Ariz. Dist. – Maricopa County) – Represented landlord joint venture entity that obtained a favorable settlement in litigation brought by a commercial office tenant purporting to terminate a long-term lease
- » (Tex. Dist. – Collin County) – Represented commercial tenant client that obtained a favorable settlement in an action against landlord for wrongful lockout
- » (N.D. Tex & 5th COA) – Represent court-appointed federal equity receiver in receivership involving dozens of entities involved in commercial and residential real estate across DFW
- » (Tex.Dist.-Dallas Co.) – Represented commercial tenant in dispute with HOA related to HOA governance and property repairs
- » (Dispute Resolution) – Represented developer in dispute with HOA and City to enforce terms of Development Agreement
- » (Tex.Dist.-Collin Co.) – Obtained a favorable settlement for REIT in litigation involving a commercial office sublease in Collin County

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ATHLETICS

- » Serve as outside general counsel for athletic conference providing strategic advise related to litigation, NCAA enforcement, federal legislation, and NIL-related developments
- » Represent startup company in NIL space with negotiating licensing and service agreements with universities and collectives and provide general corporate counseling
- » Represent universities with NIL licensing agreements, litigation settlement agreements, and employment disputes
- » Obtained a favorable settlement for college athletic conference in a conference realignment litigation that fully enforced conference Bylaws after removing to federal court a lawsuit brought by a state public university in Louisiana state court



ADMISSIONS

- » Texas
- » Supreme Court of the United States of Texas
- » U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- » 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 Southern District of Texas
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Court



AFFILIATIONS

- » State Bar of Texas
- » Dallas Bar Association



EDUCATION

- » Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., (2019)
 - » Articles Editor, Vanderbilt Law Review
 - » Thomas R. McCoy Scholar
- » Lipscomb University, M.Ed., (2012)
- » Texas Christian University, B.A., History (2009)
 - » *Summa Cum Laude (Phi Beta Kappa)*



IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Hopper loves to serve locally, especially in his neighborhood. He is a Lake Highlands Exchange Club member and recently served as President of the Grace Day School Board of Directors.

He has also serves the broader community through pro bono work, including:

- » Representing an individual in successfully reopening an asylum application and rescinding a deportation order;
- » Representing a family in a U-Visa petition;
- » Representing a mother and daughter in successfully obtaining work authorization permits;
- » Representing tenant's clients in an eviction clinic with the Dallas Justice of the Peace court;
- » Serving as a volunteer prosecutor at the City of Grand Prairie Municipal Court; and
- » Advising small business clients on issues related to incorporation and intellectual property.

MORE ABOUT JIMMY HOPPER

Jimmy grew up in small towns in Southeastern New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle. He now lives in Lake Highlands with his wife of ten years, Chandler, and their two children. Before living in Dallas, Jimmy and Chandler met while teaching at a high school outside of Nashville. Jimmy enjoys spending time with his family, reading, watching college football, and hiking. Jimmy and Chandler are members of Grace Church Lake Highlands.