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### **Practice Areas**

- Commercial / Business Litigation
- Construction Law
- Tort Litigation

## **Practice Emphasis**

Hunter Ralston is an Associate with our Commercial/Business Litigation, Construction Law, and Tort Litigation practice areas. His experience includes drafting and arguing motions related to the Texas Residential Construction Liability Act, Texas DTPA, insurance coverage, premises liability, spoliation of evidence, trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, breach of warranties, fraud, and tortious interference. He has experience representing clients in a variety of litigation matters including construction defects, premises liability, transportation, contract disputes, and employment matters in the construction, retail, hospitality, and manufacturing industries.

Hunter served as an extern for the Honorable Magistrate Judge Renee H. Toliver, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2021 and as a judicial intern for the Honorable Martin Hoffman, 68th Judicial District Court, 2020.

# **Representative Matter**

- Successfully obtained Summary Judgment and complete dismissal of Plaintiff's negligence and premises liability claims in Tarrant County for a national retail client in which Plaintiff alleged more than \$1 million in damages. (2024).
- Successfully obtained Summary Judgment and complete dismissal of Plaintiff's negligence and premises liability claims on a Statute of Limitations Defense in Ellis County for national retail client in which Plaintiff alleged more than \$1 million in damages. (2023).

### **Publications**

- "What is 'One Day/One Trial' and Why It Could Be Standard for All Courts," author, Cowles Thompson Business and Legal Update, !pr. 2024
- "The Social Courtroom: How Social Media is Used to Gain Insight into Jurors," author, Cowles Thompson, Business and Legal Update, Aug. 2023
- "Shuffle the Deck: The Role the Texas Jury Shuffle Plays in Creating Diverse and Favorable Juries," author, Cowles Thompson Business and Legal Update, May 2023

## **Education**

- J.D., cum laude, SMU Dedman School of Law, 2022
  - o SMU Lynn Pinker Moot Court Semi-Finalist, 2022
  - o SMU Top Gun Voir Dire Champion, 2022
  - o ABA Client Counseling Semi-Finalist, 2022
  - o SMU Arbitration Competition, Finalist, 2021
  - o ABA Arbitration Regional Finalist, 2020
  - o The Order of Barristers, 2022
  - o William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court, student member, 2021-2022
- B.A., magna cum laude, Economics, Texas Tech University, 2019
  - Phi Delta Theta fraternity

### **Admissions**

- State Bar of Texas, 2022
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

# Memberships

- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Trial Skills Planning Committee Member, 2022-present
- William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court

# **Honors**

SMU Dean's Scholarship Recipient, 2019-2022