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*Karson is a trial lawyer and member of Butler Snow's litigation department, where he practices in the Commercial Litigation Group. He has tried cases to verdict and judgment before juries and judges. Karson believes a client is best served by an advocate who understands the client's unique goals and attacks problems directly while maintaining a commitment to integrity, reasonableness and good judgment.*

## **PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS**

- Commercial Litigation
- Class Actions

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Solo and first-chair trial experience.
- Deep knowledge of federal practice and procedure.
- Represented Fortune 500 company in defense of Medicaid fraud allegations.
- Represented boutique investment bank in breach of contract action against national lobbyist. After deposing the defendant and defeating a motion to dismiss, the case settled favorably.
- Represented law enforcement officer in defense of manslaughter charges. The district court dismissed the indictment, the Fifth Circuit affirmed, and the United States Supreme Court denied the cert petition.
- Served as co-class counsel and appellate counsel in numerous class action matters.
- Broad experience in business litigation, including breach of contract, fiduciary duty, fraud, trade secrets, business torts and soft IP claims.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Texas, 2012

## **DISTINCTIONS**

- *Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers*®
  - Texas Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2020-2022
- *BL Rankings, The Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Commercial Litigation, 2023

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

- Austin Bar Association
- Austin Young Lawyer Association
- Federal Bar Association, Austin Chapter
  - Membership Chair 2018-2019
- Member, Lloyd Lochridge Inn of Court
- American Bar Association

## **EDUCATION & HONORS**

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 2012
  - Notes Editor, *Texas Law Review*
  - Order of the Barristers
  - National Semifinalist, Regional Champion and National Best Brief, ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, 2011
  - Winner, Best Legislative Note Award, Texas Law Review Association
  - Justice Mack Kidd Outstanding Senior Appellate Advocacy Award
- University of Kansas, B.S. Education, 2008
- Clerkship, Honorable Sam Sparks, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2012-2014

## **PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- Author, *Luddites No Longer: Adopting the Technology Tutorial at the Supreme Court*, 91 Texas L. Rev. 199, 2012.
- Author, *Not Like an Egyptian: Cybersecurity and the Internet Kill Switch Debate*, 90 Texas L. Rev. 465, 2011