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Mia's Texas Supreme Court arguments, unanimous jury verdicts in favor of clients across various courts, and dedication to diversity and inclusion make her a trusted advisor in commercial, real estate, and energy litigation, as well as civil appeals.

OVERVIEW

Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Mia handles jury trials, bench trials, arbitrations, and appellate briefings. Her clients range from landowners and nonprofit corporations to businesses involved in breach of contract disputes and real estate transactions. Mia brings a comprehensive approach to litigation and appeals, helping to ensure meticulous preparation and strategic advocacy.

A staunch promoter of equity within the legal profession, Mia founded her former firm's diversity and inclusion initiative and regularly speaks on related panels. She also established the Suited for Success Scholarship, supporting law students with business attire for interviews.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Tried a jury trial and obtained a unanimous jury verdict in a commercial real estate dispute.
- In a bench trial, received a result in favor of a landowner involved in a real estate transactions dispute.
- Tried a jury trial and obtained a unanimous jury verdict in a breach of contract dispute.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the Fourteenth Court of Appeals on the lack of derivative standing for nonprofit corporations under the Texas Business and Organizations Code.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the First Court of Appeals in a legal malpractice case.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the Fifth Court of Appeals on a motion to show authority.
- Handled an appeal in favor of the client to the First Court of Appeals in a breach of contract and declaratory judgment dispute.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the Thirteenth Court of Appeals on a motion for sanctions under the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Chapter 10.
- Handled a mandamus in favor of the client to the First Court of Appeals on the expungement of a Lis Pendens.
- Briefed and argued an appeal to the Seventh Court of Appeals on a fraud and tortious interference dispute.
- Handled an interlocutory appeal in favor of the client to the Ninth Court of Appeals on an Anti-SLAPP motion to

dismiss.

- Briefed an interlocutory appeal to the Eleventh Court of Appeals on temporary injunction.
- Briefed and argued an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court on interpretations of the Texas Property Code.

AWARDS

- BTI Consulting Group, Client Service All-Stars (2024)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas Rising Star, Appellate (2019-2024)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas, Up-And-Coming 50 Women (2024)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas, Up-And-Coming 100 (2024)
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial (2023-2025)
- *Texas Lawyer*, Rising Star (2023)
- State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course, Helen Cassidy Award for Best Presentation (2023)
- Minority Corporate Counsel Association, Rising Star (2023)
- Houston Association of Women Attorneys Foundation, Rising Star (2023)
- *Houstonia Magazine*, Top Lawyer (2019-2023)
- State Bar of Texas, Best News Article (2021-2022)
- Texas Diversity Council, Top Women Lawyers (2021)
- Houston Bar Foundation, Best Legal Article (2021)
- University of Houston Law Center, Rising Star (2019)
- National Diversity Council, Top 50 Women Lawyers (2019)
- National Black Lawyers, Top 100 (2019)
- Texas State Bar's Advanced Real Estate Law Course, Steven C. Haley Best Speaker Award (2018)
- *Houston Business Journal*, Woman to Watch (2018)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Appellate + Supreme Court
- Energy
- Litigation + Trial
- Real Estate Litigation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Appellate + Supreme Court
- Construction Litigation
- Energy
- Fair Housing Compliance + Defense
- Litigation + Trial
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Founder, Suited for Success Scholarship
- Treasurer, Houston Bar Association Litigation Section
- Membership Committee, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section
- Faculty member, NITA Deposition Course
- Adjunct professor, University of Houston Law Center
- Member, Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists (TACTAS)
- Member, State Bar of Texas Continuing Legal Education Committee
- Fellows Program, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2023)
- Former board member, Federal Bar Association

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 2014, Mock Trial; Moot Court; Order of the Barristers
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts, B.F.A., 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "The Not So Calm After the Storm," Institute for Energy Law 76th Annual Energy Law Conference, February 13, 2025.
- Speaker, "Climbing the Ladder for Two: How Organizations Can Promote Gender Equity for Mothers," State Bar of Texas 32nd Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program, October 24, 2024.
- Speaker, "Checklist for Your First Appearance in the Trial Court as Appellate Counsel," TexasBarCLE: Civil Appellate Practice 101 Course, September 4, 2024.
- Panelist, "Fifth Circuit Update: A Discussion with Top Appellate Practitioners," Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter, February 15, 2024.
- Speaker, "Litigation Breakfast Briefing," Locke Lord, September 21, 2023.
- Speaker, "Preparing for Appeal," Houston Bar Association: Civil Appellate Bench Bar Conference, April 14, 2023.
- Speaker, "Evidentiary Issues in Motion Practice – What is Permitted and What is Objectionable," TexasBarCLE: Advanced Evidence and Discovery, April 13, 2023.
- Speaker, "Preparing for the Specialization Exam," TexasBarCLE: 36th Annual Advanced Civil Appellate Practice, September 7-8, 2022.

- Speaker, “Anti-SLAPP and Recent Appellate Decisions,” TexasBarCLE: 36th Annual Advanced Civil Appellate Practice, September 7-8, 2022.
- Speaker, “You won. You have a judgment. But, how do you collect it? Practical tips on post-judgment collection,” TexasBarCLE: Damages in Civil Litigation, February 25, 2022.
- Speaker, “TCPA: A Case Study On The Recently Amended Anti-SLAPP Statute,” Houston Bar Association, Litigation Section, September 8, 2021.
- Speaker, “Attorney-Client Privilege Issues for In-House Counsel,” TexasBarCLE 20th Annual Course: Advanced In-House Counsel, August 13, 2021.
- Speaker, “Black, Young and Big Law Partner,” African American Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas: Annual Meeting, June 12, 2021.
- Speaker, “Ethics Jeopardy,” UT Law CLE 31st Annual Conference on State and Federal Appeals Conference, June 10, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “Does ERCOT Have Sovereign Immunity?” *The Houston Lawyer*, August 30, 2021.