



## Sara Berkeley Churchin

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Sara Churchin is a top-rated attorney who focuses her practice on civil litigation and appellate law. Her experience includes managing a caseload in the civil appellate division of a large national law firm in a variety of practice areas, including civil defense, products liability, and professional liability. Prior to entering private practice, Sara was a briefing attorney for Justice Phil Johnson of the Texas Supreme Court. She was named a *Texas Super Lawyers* Rising Star from 2018-2021, a *Best Lawyers* Ones to Watch in 2021-present, and a 2023 *Texas Super Lawyer* in Appellate Law.

### Professional Experience

- Obtained mandamus relief for a medical provider from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in a medical liability case on an issue of first impression concerning proper venue
- Secured the reversal of a divorce and custody order in an appeal before the Third Court of Appeals on grounds of insufficient evidence
- Achieved reversal of an excessive ad litem fee award based on insufficient evidence for a major international product manufacturer facing constant excessive ad litem awards
- Obtained summary judgment on three out of five causes of action in a multimillion-dollar commercial dispute relating to the transfer of a large automotive dealership
- Handled the motion practice of numerous high-value civil litigation cases, including the drafting of special appearances, motions for summary judgment, Daubert motions, motions in limine, and jury charges

### Professional & Community Activities

- State Bar of Texas
  - Appellate Section
  - Litigation Section

### Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Litigation

### Awards & Recognitions

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Appellate Law, 2023
- *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, 2021–present
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2018–2021
- St. Mary's School of Law, GOLD Council Honoree, 2019

### Education

- St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas
  - J.D., 2010, *magna cum laude*
  - *St. Mary's Law Journal*, Staff and Executive Editor
  - Caroline L. Reynolds Endowed Scholarship Recipient
- Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
  - B.A., English, 2005, *summa cum laude*
  - Mitte Honors Program

### Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

- Austin Bar Association
  - Civil Appellate Section
- San Antonio Bar Association
  - Appellate Section
  - Litigation Section
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- William S. Sessions American Inn of Court