



## **Shelby L. O'Brien**

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Shelby O'Brien is a Board Certified Civil Appellate attorney who litigates at the trial and appellate levels. Insight she gained as a staff attorney for the Texas Supreme Court now enables her to better serve clients in their disputes before the courts. As a former attorney for the Texas Legislative Council, Shelby also assists clients in policy matters by researching and drafting legislation and legislative memoranda.

### **Professional Experience**

- Represents businesses and trade associations in lawsuits against the State of Texas and local governments in state and federal courts, including challenges to administrative rules, statutes, and ordinances
- Represents businesses and individuals in commercial and other business disputes in state and federal courts
- Represents clients in all aspects of pretrial preparation and trial, including depositions, discovery, motion practice, mediation, and first chairing bench and jury trials
- Represents clients in appellate matters before the Texas Supreme Court and state and federal courts of appeals
- Represents businesses and individuals before the State Office of Administrative Hearings
- Researches and drafts legislation and legislative memoranda to support clients before the Legislature

### **Professional & Community Activities**

- State Bar of Texas
  - Administrative & Public Law Section
  - Appellate Section
  - Litigation Section

### **Practice Areas**

- Appellate
- Employment
- Legislative Advocacy
- Litigation
- Regulatory Compliance
- Regulatory Litigation

### **Awards & Recognitions**

- Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2016-present
- *Austin Monthly*, Top Appellate Lawyer, 2020-present
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice, 2022-present
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Appellate Law, 2022-present

### **Education**

- University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas
  - J.D., with Honors
  - Dean's Achievement Awards for Highest Grades in Constitutional Law I and Texas Criminal Procedure
  - Recipient of Robert S. Strauss Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law
  - Board of Advocates
- University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
  - B.A., English Literature
  - University and English Honors Programs

### **Admissions**

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

- Austin Bar Association
  - Director (2022-present)
  - Civil Appellate Section, Member
    - Chair (2021-2022)
    - Chair-Elect (2020-2021)
    - Secretary-Treasurer (2019-2020)
    - Governing Council (2017-2019)
  - Civil Litigation and Administrative Law Sections, Member
- American Bar Association
  - Litigation Section
  - Lawyers Conference Division
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, Member (2013-present)
  - Immediate Past-President (2021-2022)
  - President (2020-2021)
  - President-Elect (2019-2020)
  - Board of Directors (2017-2019)
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation
  - Immediate Past-Chair (2022-2023)
  - Chair (2021-2022)
  - Board of Directors (2019-2021)
  - Fellow (2016-present)
- Robert W. Calvert Inn of Court, Membership Co-Chair
- Austin Court of Appeals Pro Bono Pilot Committee, Member (2016-2019)
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow (2018-present)