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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 has been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2018–2020.

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
- Austin Bar Association
 - Civil Appellate Section
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Litigation

Awards & Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers* Ones to Watch, 2020
- *Super Lawyers* Rising Star, 2018–2020

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