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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, including depositions, discovery, motion practice, and mediation
- 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
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice, 2022

Education

- University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas
 - J.D., 2002, 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, 1994
 - 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
 - Administrative Law Section
 - Civil Appellate Section, Chair
 - Civil Litigation Section
- American Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
 - Lawyers Conference Division
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, Immediate Past President
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation, Chair
- Third Court of Appeals Pro Bono Committee Member
- Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court, Member