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Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Litigation

Awards & Recognitions

- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, 2024-present

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California
 - J.D., 2020
 - Dean's List; Dean's Merit Scholarship; ACU Graduate Scholarship
 - Associate Editor, *Pepperdine Law Review*
 - Moot Court: Pepperdine Dalsimer Competition 2020, Best Brief; N.Y.C. Bar Association Competition 2019-2020, Second-Best Brief Nationals Qualifier; U.C. Davis Competition 2019, Quarterfinalist
- Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas
 - B.B.A., Business Management, 2017
 - Dean's List; R.L. Money Chancellor's Award

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

At Enoch Keever, Zack is heavily involved in both the litigation and appellate groups, including in discovery and motions practice, drafting petitions, and drafting or assisting with extensive briefing. He has also supported the firm's administrative and regulatory groups, providing analysis, research and drafting assistance in nuanced regulatory and administrative proceedings. Outside courtrooms and executive agencies, he has handled or assisted with reviews and analyses of complex corporate documents, employment law issues, and drafting and presenting CLE presentations or papers.

As a Judicial Clerk at the Supreme Court of Texas, Zack analyzed and conducted complex legal research for pending cases and petitions, drafted many memoranda for both Justice Boyd and the Court as a whole, and provided initial drafts and edits for majority, concurring, and dissenting opinions. At Pepperdine, he was involved in Law Review, Moot Court, Christian Legal Society, and served as a student mentor for two years.

Professional Experience

- Co-chaired multi-week jury trial, including drafting and arguing motions and briefs before the court and presenting multiple witnesses
- Co-chaired bench trial in Travis County, including trial support and drafting
- Drafted cross-petition for review before Supreme Court of Texas that successfully defended client's favorable decision by court of appeals
- Defended against motion for summary judgment against client, including briefing and argument at hearing, leading to favorable settlement
- Drafted successful response to plea to the jurisdiction in lawsuit against Texas county government and successfully defended denial of plea to the jurisdiction on appeal
- Drafted or assisted with multiple appellate briefs on direct appeal at the courts of appeals
- Assisted with drafting successful mandamus petition, and assisted with subsequent mandamus brief that resulted in partially successful outcome

- Assisted with the motion practice of multiple litigation cases, including drafting discovery requests and responses, motions for summary judgment, motions for default judgments, motions to set supersedeas bond, motions for emergency stay and relief, jury charges, and more
- Drafted multiple settlement agreements both independent from and in conjunction with default judgment
- Performed substantive analysis, research, and drafting for proceedings before the PUCT, ERCOT, TCEQ, and SOAH
- Authored an article on the Texas Business Court, a 20-page CLE paper on sovereign immunity, and co-authored short article in the Texas Bar Journal on the TCPA
- Co-presented two CLE presentations, on sovereign immunity and appellate practice for trial lawyers
- Drafted and edited memos and majority, concurring, and dissenting opinions at the Texas Supreme Court

Publications & Presentations

- *Appellate Tips for Litigators*, Bell County Bar Association, Mar. 2022 (presentation)
- [*The Narrowed Texas Citizens Participation Act*](#), (Co-authored with Amy Prueger), 85 Tex. Bar J., no. 2, 2022, at 124-25, Feb. 2022 (paper)
- *Governmental Immunity Review: Recent Cases and Controversies*, (Co-authored with Hon. Craig T. Enoch), State Bar of Texas Oil and Gas Disputes Conference, Jan. 2022 (presentation and paper)
- *Supreme Court of Texas Update—July 2020-June 2021*, (Co-authored with Hon. Jeffrey S. Boyd et al.), Supreme Court of Texas Update Paper, Jun. 2021

Professional & Community Activities

- State Bar of Texas
 - Appellate Section
 - Litigation Section