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OF COUNSEL



Since joining the Firm in 2004, Mr. Harlow has developed a diverse commercial litigation practice and has enjoyed a string of successes in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate level. Mr. Harlow's practice includes litigation in an array of commercial disputes involving oil and gas, wind energy, entertainment, wrongful termination, commercial real estate, intellectual property, and officer and director liability, with a particular focus on litigation in bankruptcy court. His recent trial and appellate successes include:

- A \$48 million judgment obtained for investors in a dispute involving several failed real estate developments;
- Judgment turning over control of a helmet manufacturing company and its intellectual property to the company's former chief executive officer; and
- Reversal on appeal of several bankruptcy court orders adjudicating shareholders' equitable subordination and relative priority claims in a bankruptcy involving a major oil and gas exploration and development company.

Past trial successes include:

- First-chairing the defense of a former company officer against breach of fiduciary duty and related business tort claims alleging damages in excess of \$8 million. The trial resulted in a directed verdict in the officer's favor.
- Assisting in the defense of a major developer of wind-powered electricity against breach of contract and related claims stemming from a power purchase agreement. The suit, which alleged liquidated damages in excess of \$30 million, resulted in a take-nothing judgment.
- Successful trial of claims against former company officers for breach of fiduciary duty that resulted in a \$4 million judgment. Mr. Harlow then handled appellate briefing before the Fifth Circuit, which upheld the jury's damage award.
- Successful trial of claims brought by a motion picture company for breach of a licensing agreement to exploit the Academy Award-winning film *Monster*.

Mr. Harlow graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Houston Law Center in 2002, earning membership in the Order of the Coif, the Order of Barristers, Order of the Barons, and serving as a Notes & Comments Editor of the *Houston Law Review*. While in law school, Mr. Harlow twice earned national honors in the annual ABA moot court championship, won the University of Houston's Blakely Butler Moot Court Competition, and received the John O'Quinn Foundation award for his law review case note. Mr. Harlow has been a *Texas Monthly* Rising Star, and is licensed to practice in all federal courts in Texas.

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