



## PROFILE

David Coale's far-reaching litigation experience supports his consistent recognition as one of the top appellate practitioners in Texas. The only known graduate of both Harvard College and Allen High School (at the time, a small town on the far northern edge of the Dallas metro area), David approaches law in a practical way that respects history and tradition. His varied practice has taken him across Texas and the world; for example, he has organized an international mediation in London, taken depositions in Mexico City, tried a case for a month in Nueces County, and defended a pay phone operator before a Tarrant County Justice of the Peace. He has been fictionalized in the "Reapers Motorcycle Club" romance novels as "Dobie Coales," the "brilliant" attorney for the cyclists.

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained affirmance of a substantial judgment under the Texas fraudulent transfer statute. *GE Capital v. Worthington Nat'l Bank*, 754 F.3d 29 (5th Cir. 2014).
- Obtained a large judgment for a major commercial finance company in a real estate dispute, and its affirmance on appeal. *Parker v. Textron Fin. Corp.*, 013 WL 979208 (Tex. App.-San Antonio Mar. 13, 2013, no pet.) (mem. op.)
- Obtained a settlement in 2013 in a complex construction dispute that allowed complete redevelopment of the client's retail property.
- Under the Class Action Fairness Act, obtained reversal of an order remanding a "bet the company" class action to Louisiana state court.
- *Opelousas General Hospital v. FairPay Solutions Inc.*, 655 F.3d 358 (5th Cir. 2011). Then, successfully defended its settlement against an antitrust challenge. 118 So.3d 1269 (La. App. 3d Cir. 2013).
- Resolved a wide range of investigations, regulatory responses, and discovery involving mortgage servicers during the "robo-signing" scandal of 2010-11.

## HONORS / AWARDS

- Named to Best Lawyers in America (appellate practice and commercial litigation) in 2012-17, and as a "Texas Super Lawyer" from 2003-16 (Top 100 in D/FW, 2014-2016 and Top 100 in Texas, 2015).
- Named to annual listings of the city's best business lawyers in *D Magazine* in 2008-11 and 2014-17 (again, both appellate practice and business litigation).
- Profiled as a "Defender," one of 15 leading defense lawyers, by the *Dallas Business Journal* in 2009.

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David is a member of the American Law Institute, a past chair of the Appellate Section of the State Bar of Texas, and a past member of the governing council of the State Bar Antitrust Section. He is board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and serves on the drafting and grading committee for that certification exam. For two terms, David has been appointed to the TBLS Civil Appellate Law Exam Commission Service, which oversees board certification for civil appellate law in Texas. He publishes [600camp.com](http://600camp.com), a popular blog about commercial disputes before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Before joining LPCH, David was in the leadership of financial services litigation at one of the world's largest law firms, and was previously the head of litigation at a mid-sized Dallas firm. He clerked for Judge Patrick Higginbotham of the Fifth Circuit after graduating with honors from the University of Texas School of Law and Harvard College, where he won the national college debate championship.