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Carter Plotkin joined Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann as an associate in 2023. Before joining, he completed clerkships and internships in federal and state courts. Carter is very comfortable in a courtroom. He now represents clients in complex commercial disputes.

Carter graduated with an Associate Degree at eighteen years old before continuing on to earn a Bachelor Degree as the most academically decorated student in his class at the University of Texas at Dallas. After serving on his ***Law Review*** editorial board, chairing the school's academic affairs committee, and earning a Gault Scholarship and moot court accolades, Carter graduated with trial and appellate curricular specializations from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. He then gained broad hands-on experience at a small and dynamic law firm in Chicago.

Carter brings extensive judicial experience to bear for his clients. He clerked for two-and-a-half years at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and for one year at the Supreme Court of Texas. Carter also interned for the federal bankruptcy court in Maryland and at the Circuit Court of Cook County for a judge later elevated to the First District Appellate Court.

Outside of work, Carter – a Dallas-area native and Eagle Scout – is enjoying reconnecting with friends, playing board and video games with his husband Kyle, and entertaining his Chihuahua mix Coconut.

EDUCATION

- University of Texas at Dallas, B.A. in Political Science, ***summa cum laude***
  - The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
  - Golden Key International Honour Society
- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, J.D.
  - Concentrations in Appellate Law, Civil Litigation, and Dispute Resolution
  - ***Northwestern University Law Review***, Executive Editor

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JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Law clerk for the Honorable Micaela Alvarez of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2020-2022
- Law clerk for the Honorable Jane Bland of the Supreme Court of Texas, 2022-2023

HONORS & AWARDS

- Public Service Star
- Second Best Brief, ***Appellate Lawyers Association***

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Invested over 100 pro bono hours in and settled landlord–tenant lawsuit for Denton County small family business.

PUBLICATIONS

- Mike Lynn, Jennifer Helms, & Carter Plotkin, *The Current State of Third-Party Litigation Funding: Democratizing Justice and Making it Accessible to All* (Fed. R. Task Force, Litigation Section), Oct. 3, 2023
- E. Jason Dennis & Carter S. Plotkin, *The Guarantor's Lifebuoy in the Bankruptcy Ocean,* SMU Law Review Forum, 2026

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Over 50 pro bono hours as a law student providing volunteer legal services
- Member, Dallas Bar Association

- Illinois State Bar Association, Federal Civil Practice Section Council Member, 2019–20