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Scott is head of the firm's appellate section and his practice includes all aspects of litigation. He returned to Andrews Kurth in 2009 after 20 years of judicial service at all levels of the Texas court system: six years on the Texas Supreme Court, three years as Justice and Chief Justice of the First and Fourteenth Courts of Appeals respectively, and eleven years as Judge of the 234th District Court. During those years he presided over 670 trials to verdict, and authored more than 600 appellate opinions, including 122 opinions of the Texas Supreme Court.

Scott is board-certified in civil appellate, civil trial and personal injury trial law. He previously served on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee and on the Supreme Court Jury Task Force. He is a co-author of *Texas Pretrial Practice* and has written law review articles in the *Baylor*, *Oak Brook*, *South Texas*, and *St. Mary's* law reviews.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" in Texas by *Benchmark Litigation* (2012, 2013)
- Recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" in the 5th Circuit (Texas) by *Benchmark Appellate* (2013)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice (2012, 2013)
- Profiled as one of the leading Appellate (2010-2012) lawyers in Texas, *Chambers & Partners USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*

AFFILIATIONS

- Justice, Texas Supreme Court (2003-2009)
- Chief Justice, Fourteenth Court of Appeals (2001-2003)
- Justice, First Court of Appeals (2001)
- Judge, 234th District Court of Harris County (1989-2000)
- Board Certified - Civil Appellate, Civil Trial & Personal Injury Law Texas
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Foundation (1992-present)
- College of the State Bar of Texas (1990-present)

PRACTICES

Appellate
Commercial Litigation
Litigation

EDUCATION

JD, 1980, *cum laude*,
Harvard Law School
Judicial Clerkship for
Chief Justice Greenhill
at the Texas Supreme
Court (1980-1981)
BA, 1977, *summa cum
laude*, Duke University

ADMISSIONS

Texas 1980
US District Courts for
the Northern,
Southern, Eastern and
Western Districts of
Texas
US Court of Appeals for
the Fifth Circuit
US Supreme Court