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PRACTICES

- Appellate Litigation
- Business Litigation

EDUCATION

- University of Dallas, Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- University of Missouri School of Law, J.D.
- Drake University, B.S.B.A., Recipient of athletic scholarship, Recipient of Letter Awards in Intercollegiate Football and Wrestling, Recipient of "Bill Boelter Award" to the outstanding senior athlete accepted for graduate study

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Texas
- Texas USDC, Eastern District
- Texas USDC, Northern District
- Texas USDC, Western District
- US Ct Appeals, 5th Circuit (LA, MS, TX)
- US Ct Appeals, 6th Circuit (KY, MI, OH, TN)
- US Supreme Ct

AFFILIATIONS

- Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Appointed Member by the Texas Supreme Court, 2013-2018, Chair, 2017-2018, Vice Chair, 2015-2017, Secretary, 2015
- ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates)-American Inns of

Justice (Fmr) Douglas Lang advises clients on litigation and appellate strategies and presents appeals for pending matters in jurisdictions across the country. He is the co-chair of Thompson Coburn's firmwide Appellate Group.

Justice Lang collaborates with trial lawyers across the Firm on effective appellate strategies for clients, in some instances working directly on filings or arguing cases before appellate panels. Since returning to private practice, Justice Lang has appeared in state and federal courts across Texas and presented appeals in federal circuit courts and at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Drawing on over 16 years of judicial service and experience, Justice Lang provides prompt, strategic, and solution-oriented advice on potential or existing conflicts for clients in a wide range of businesses and industries. Justice Lang regularly represents clients before the appellate courts of Texas and federal appellate courts.

Justice Lang served on the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas, a 13-judge appellate court with the highest case volume of the 14 intermediate appellate courts in Texas. While on the court, Justice Lang authored more than 2,100 opinions and participated in deciding more than 6,100 cases. During that same period, Justice Lang served for six years as a member of the Texas Multi-District Litigation Panel and as Chair of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Justice Lang is renowned and highly respected for his tireless leadership in bar and community activities, his dedication to mentoring young lawyers, and his devotion to civility and ethics in the legal profession during his more than 40-year career. Justice Lang's belief in the importance of mentoring led him to author "Deeds, Not Words —Mentors As Guiding Lights of Integrity In The Legal Profession," a compilation of experiences recounted to him by a variety of bar leaders, judges, and successful attorneys.

Justice Lang is a frequent speaker at civic and continuing education events around Texas and nationally and has many published articles to his credit on appellate law, civility, and ethics.

Court Trial Academy, Founder

- State Bar of Texas, Chair, 2021 Day of Civility
- Dallas Bar Association, President, 1991, Member, 1973-Present
- Dallas Bar Foundation, Chair, 1998-2001, Fellow, 1991-Present
- American Inns of Court Foundation, Secretary, Board of Trustees, 2008-2015
- American Law Institute, Member, 2004-Present
- National Conference of Bar Presidents of the American Bar Association, President, 2004-2005
- Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism, Chair, 1999-2002, Board of Trustees, 1996-2004

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Senior Counsel, 2021-Present
- Dorsey & Whitney Of Counsel, 2019-2021
- Texas 5th District Court of Appeals Justice, 2002-2018
- Gardere Wynne Sewell 1978-2002
- Weber, Baker & Allums Associate and Partner, 1973-1978
- Supreme Court of Missouri Law Clerk to Judge Fred Henley, 1972-1973

Experience

• Judicial Service

- Appointed, Texas 5th District Court of Appeals, October 2002
- Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct 2013-2018 (This 13 member Commission, supported by a staff of fourteen, addresses complaints made against any of the 3781 Texas judges)
Chair, November 2017–2018
Vice Chair, April 2015–November 2017
Secretary, January 2015–April 2015
Member, November 2013–2018
Appointed by Texas Supreme Court
- 10th District Court of Appeals, 2013
Commissioned by Texas Supreme Court to sit on two cases as member of the 10th Court
- Texas Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 2003–2009
Commissioned by the Texas Supreme Court to sit on Panel of six appellate judges
- Texas Supreme Court, 2007
Commissioned by Gov. Rick Perry to hear case as Special Member of the Court

Publications

- Author, "Survey of Recent Mandamus Decisions of the Texas Supreme Court" *SMU Annual Texas Survey, Volume 9*, 2024
- Supreme Court Declines to Decide Limits of Attorney Client Privilege, *The Practical Lawyer 39 (American Law Institute)*, April 2023
- Survey of Recent Mandamus Decisions of the Texas Supreme Court, 8 *SMU ANN. TEX. SURV. 201*, 2022
- Effective Legal Writing is Not Vitriol-Consider For Whom You Write, *The Practical Lawyer 35 (American Law Institute)*, August 2022
- Do I Really Need a Mentor? (Does the Sun Rise in the East?), *The Benchler (American Inns of Court Foundation)*, January/February 2022
- "Survey of Recent Mandamus Decisions of the Texas Supreme Court," 7 *SMU ANN. TEX. SURV. 301*, 2021
- "A PPP Borrower's Predicament: When The SBA Denies Loan Forgiveness - Contest It - Appeal!" February 2021
- "'Justice Delayed is Justice Denied' - COVID-Delayed Justice - Get it Back on Track with ADR/Private Judging!" *New For the Bar, State Bar of Texas Litigation Section*, October 2020
- "Basic Mandamus Questions Support DC Circ.'s Flynn Ruling," *Law360*, September 14, 2020
- "An Epitaph for Justice David Lee Bridges, Texas 5th District Court of Appeals," *Law.Com*, August 20, 2020
- "Did COVID-19 Put a Hold on Your Lawsuit? Finish It With ADR-Private

COMMUNITY

- The Federal Lawyer, Editorial Board Member, 2023
- Salesmanship Club of Dallas, Inc., Member, 1992-Present
- Drake University Board of Trustees, Member, 2002-Present
- Drake University National Alumni Association, President 2002-2004, Vice President, 2000-2002, Board of Directors, 1998-2006
- Christ the King Catholic Church, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, 2014-Present
- Legatus, Dallas Chapter, Board of Directors, 2019-Present
- Boy Scout Troop 72, Assistant Scoutmaster, 1992-1996, Order of the Arrow

Judging," *Law.Com*, August 2, 2020

- "‘Fairness’ and ‘Justice’ in the Courtroom - Community and Public Perception," *In Chambers-The Official Publication of the Texas Center for the Judiciary*, Summer 2020
- "When Judges Are Not Neutral," *Law360*, July 31, 2020
- "The Core of Trial Strategy: Practical Thoughts About Avoiding ‘Gotcha’s’ - Create Checklists," *Vol. 31, No. 1 The Appellate Advocate (State Bar of Texas, Appellate Law Section)* 4-24, Winter 2019

Presentations

- The Core of Trial Strategy: Avoiding Gotcha’s and Error Preservation, Dallas Bar Association Appellate Section November 2022
- A Deep Dive Into Cutting-Edge Arbitration Issues, Thompson Coburn CLE November 2022
- A View from the Bench: Professionalism, Civility, and Effective Depositions, State Bar of Texas October 2022
- Day of Civility: Professionalism Through Mentoring, Moderator, Dallas Bar Association September 2022
- *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*: Decision, Thompson Coburn CLE, Panel Member August 2022
- Crisis In the ‘C Suite, St. Louis Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) August 2022
- Survey of Mandamus Decisions of The Texas Supreme Court, Dallas Bar Association Appellate Section August 2022
- Moderator, "Appellate Lessons from Legal Insiders: How Appellate Practitioners Can Add Value to In-House Counsel," State Bar of Texas Appellate Section May 2022
- "Judges’ Panel: What Lawyers are Doing Right and What Not to Do in the Courtroom," State Bar of Texas CLE April 8, 2022
- "Crisis in the C-Suite: Do’s & Don’ts in the Heat of the Moment," ACC Dallas-Fort Worth March 2022
- "Statewide Day of Civility," Moderator of panel of lawyers and judges, (Zoom presentation sent statewide by Dallas Bar Association and State Bar of Texas) September 17, 2021
- "The Core of Trial Strategy: Practical Thoughts About Avoiding ‘Gotcha’s’," State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association Appellate Law Section, September 2020
- "The Core of Trial Strategy: Practical Thoughts About Avoiding ‘Gotcha’s’," State Bar of Texas, Business Disputes 2020, September 2020
- "COVID-19: A Pandemic of Legal Liability For Employers and Businesses," January 2021

- “PPP Borrowers: Are You Ready for SBA Audits and Potential Appeals?” December 2020
- “Thinking About the Unthinkable: Appellate Preparation Before and During Trial,” December 2019
- “Sin, Redemption, and Catholic Lawyers: The Conflict of Faith and Professional Rules,” Catholic Lawyers Guild of Kansas City, December 2019
- “Trying Your Case is Just the Beginning: A Plan For Preserving Error for Appeal and Mid-Stream Correction by Mandamus,” Rockwall County Bar Association, November 2019
- “The Intersection of Religious and Legal Profession Values,” St. Thomas More Society of Amarillo and the Catholic Diocese of Amarillo, October 2019
- “Civility and Ethics,” Southwest Association of Bank Counsel, Annual Convention, October 2019

Recognitions

- Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award, Texas Bar Foundation, March 2024
- Texas Trailblazer, Designated by The Texas Lawyer, 2019
- Shalom Award for Civic Contribution, 2019, Presented by Temple Shalom Brotherhood
- State Bar of Texas, Presidents’ Award, (Outstanding Contributions to the Legal Profession), 2010
- Recognition for Service and Leadership, awarded by the American Civil Trial Bar Roundtable, 2015
- Texas Bar Foundation, 2007 Lola Wright Foundation Award for outstanding public service in advancing and enhancing legal ethics in Texas
- Citation of Merit, University of Missouri School of Law, 2012
- William “Mac” Taylor American Inn of Court, 2011 Sergeant of the Inn Award
- President’s Citation, Dallas Bar Association, 2018
- Dallas Bar Foundation, Fellows Award (Service to the Community and the Legal Profession), 2010
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Outstanding Mentor Award, 2008
- Dallas Bar Association, 2007 Morris Harrell Professionalism Award
- State Bar of Texas, 1999 Presidential Citation Recipient
- Drake University, Double D Award, (Drake’s highest award bestowed upon former athletic letter award winners for professional achievement and community service), 1993

- Drake University, 1992 Alumni Achievement Award
- State Bar of Texas Award of Merit conferred upon the Dallas Bar Association for its 1991 programs during Lang's presidency
- Legal Services of North Texas' Outstanding Service Award, 1991
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers' Outstanding Young Lawyer in Dallas, 1981