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Overview

Hunter Vance represents plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts across the country. Mr. Vance's practice spans a wide variety of subject matters, including intellectual property, the energy industry, the construction industry, and commercial breach of contract disputes.

Mr. Vance plays a significant role in all of the matters he litigates. He has taken and defended depositions across the United States and abroad, and he has argued numerous hearings, including on dispositive motions.

In his time at the firm so far, Mr. Vance has successfully obtained many favorable results for clients in a variety of high stakes disputes. This include:

- Multiple patent infringement litigation wins for Koninklijke KPN N.V., a Dutch telecommunications company, including:
 - a [precedent-setting victory](#) where the Federal Circuit reaffirmed the “long-established rule that suits against aliens are wholly outside the operation of all the federal venue laws, general and special.” This landmark was news was covered by [Law360*](#) and [Delaware Business Court Insider*](#),
 - a successful overturn of an invalidity ruling on one of the most debated patents (also covered by [Law360*](#)), and
 - obtaining summary judgment on all of the counterclaims of defendant Sierra Wireless, including breach of FRAND claims.
- Securing a confidential, favorable settlement for hydrocarbon exploration company, Concho Resources Inc., in a business dispute involving oil and gas leases in West Texas.
- Successfully defending Trammell Crow Company in a dispute regarding the construction and sale of multiple commercial real-estate properties. The case settled for a confidential sum.
- Obtaining confidential, favorable settlement for SemGroup Corporation in a dispute with Quanta Services, Inc. relating to the design and construction of pipelines and facilities in Louisiana.

Mr. Vance joined Susman Godfrey after clerking for Judge Jerry E. Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He graduated with high honors from the University of Chicago Law School, where he served as an Online Articles Editor for *The University of Chicago Law Review*. Mr. Vance received his undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Georgia.

Education

The University of Chicago Law School (J.D., High Honors, Order of the Coif)

The University of Georgia (B.B.A., Economics, *summa cum laude*)

Clerkship

Law Clerk to the Honorable Jerry E. Smith, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Honors and Distinctions

Online Articles Editor, *The University of Chicago Law Review*

Order of the Coif

Kirkland & Ellis Scholar

Sidley Austin Prize for Excellence in Brief Writing

Professional Associations

State Bar of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas