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Overview

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

Hunter plays a pivotal role in all of the matters he litigates. He has directed and cross-examined key witnesses at trial, argued at numerous hearings, including on dispositive motions, and taken and defended depositions across the United States and abroad.

Some of Hunter's recent notable matters include:

- Winning a \$341 million jury verdict on behalf of Dutch telecommunications company Koninklijke KPN N.V. (KPN) in a breach of contract dispute with Samsung Electronics Co. A Texas state court jury returned the verdict after four days of trial and just over three hours of deliberation. [Read more.](#)
- Securing a unanimous verdict from a Delaware federal jury finding that HTC Corporation willfully infringed two asserted patents declared essential to LTE wireless standards. At trial, Hunter examined the corporate representative from Orange and directed and cross-examined all of the damages experts. The jury ultimately found that HTC owes up to 74 cents per infringing device. [Read more.](#)
- Multiple patent infringement litigation wins for KPN, 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.

Hunter 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*. Hunter received his undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* from the University of Georgia.

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Honors & 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

Clerkships

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

Education

The University of Chicago Law School (J.D., with High Honors)

- Order of the Coif

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

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- Texas
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Court Admissions

- 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

Wins

Susman Godfrey Secures \$341 Million Verdict for KPN in Samsung Breach of Contract Trial