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Garrett is an experienced trial lawyer with significant wins for both plaintiffs and defendants in high-stakes commercial cases across the country, including a \$438 million judgment obtained after a federal antitrust trial with Alistair Dawson and Alex Roberts.

Garrett's first chair trial experience allows him to play a central role in all his cases. Having tried cases with over \$100 million in dispute, Garrett has a practiced understanding of how to prepare complex matters with the end in mind, building a clear narrative that will resonate with diverse audiences. By design, Garrett maintains a well-rounded litigation practice. He has represented large corporations in antitrust, securities, non-compete, and other complex commercial disputes. He is repeatedly called on to represent oil and gas companies in a variety of litigation matters, including breach of contract, force majeure, and royalty issues. Garrett also has notable experience representing high net worth individuals in will contest and estate disputes.

After his first jury trial alongside David J. Beck in a securities fraud action in Texas state court, class counsel in the related class action relayed to Mr. Beck that Garrett was a "force of nature at trial," specifically noting "*[t]he impeachment of one fact witness after another*" and "*the simple narrative, forcing defendants to deal with the 'mind numbing' details.*" Garrett has since played a central role in numerous other trials, and has delivered opening statement, voir dire, and closing argument as lead counsel. His recent achievements as lead counsel also include a fifteen-minute jury verdict completely in his client's favor in a Harris County real property dispute.

Garrett's background equips him to approach his trial work with a competitive edge, good judgment, and a rational perspective that resonates with judges and juries alike. A first-generation college student from a small town in southeast Texas, he understands the importance of hard work, sacrifice, and perseverance. He prioritizes his clients' needs with the same determined care. Equal to his courtroom acumen is his understanding that sometimes the best result is to broker a business solution that will avoid litigation altogether. Garrett brings this approach to all his clients, from large company general counsel to small business owners.

Garrett has been named a "Rising Star" in Business Litigation by *Super Lawyers* (2023-2025) and "Ones to Watch" by *The Best Lawyers in America* (2025). He is also active in the Houston legal community and currently serves as a director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association ("TYLA") and is on the University of Texas School of Law Houston Young Alumni Steering Committee. Garrett is also a fellow with the Texas Bar Foundation, serves as vice-chair for TYLA's National Trial Competition Committee and on the State Moot Court Competition Committee, and is a graduate of the State Bar of Texas' LeadershipSBOT (class of 2021).

Prior to joining Beck Redden, Garrett clerked for the Honorable Alfred H. Bennett of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. During his clerkship, Garrett assisted Judge Bennett in presiding over fourteen federal jury trials.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Successfully defended the City of Houston in a Section 1983 case** arising from the 2019 Harding Street police operation that resulted in two fatalities. The

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

CLERKSHPIS

Honorable Alfred H. Bennett, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas (2016 - 2018)

EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, *with Honors*, 2016

Texas Law Review, Associate Editor

B.S., Lamar University, Political Science, 2013

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas granted summary judgement for the city, finding no evidence of a municipal custom or practice causing the alleged constitutional violations.

- **First-chair jury trial in a property related lawsuit in Texas state court.** As part of a two-person trial team, Garrett obtained a unanimous jury verdict in his clients' favor. During the trial, Garrett conducted *voir dire*, presented the named Plaintiff, cross-examined the named Defendant, and presented the closing argument. Ultimately, the trial court accepted the jury verdict and issued a permanent injunction against the opposing parties.
- **Represented HP, Inc. in pursuing price fixing antitrust claims against optical disk drive manufacturer Quanta Storage in Houston federal court.** As part of a three-person trial team with Partners Alistair Dawson and Alex Roberts, secured \$438 million judgment for HP, which was upheld on appeal, *Hewlett-Packard Co. v. Quanta Storage, Inc.*, 961 F.3d 731 (5th Cir 2020).
- **Second-chair jury trial in a securities fraud lawsuit in Texas state court.** Garrett tried the case for two weeks along with David J. Beck. During the trial, Garrett presented the plaintiff's accounting and damages experts and cross-examined the defendants' accounting, damages, and SEC experts.
- **Represented death row inmate in a two-week Writ of Habeas Corpus evidentiary hearing in Texas state court.** Garrett presented an expert witness and cross-examined multiple witnesses controlled by the state during the evidentiary hearing.
- **Obtained summary judgment for a national education tech company in breach of contract dispute brought by former employee.** Based on admissions he secured in the deposition of the plaintiff, Garrett briefed and argued a motion for summary judgment to the trial court, which thereafter granted summary judgment dismissing all claims.
- **Obtained a favorable settlement for a national steel manufacturer involved in a dispute over an alleged well failure.** Along with Matthew Whitley, Garrett represented the national steel manufacturer against negligence, breach of contract, and breach of warranty claims. The case settled on favorable terms days before the scheduled hearing on a summary judgment motion briefed by Garrett.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Keith L. Krueger Leadership Award, 2025
- Named in Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation in Commercial Litigation, 2024-2025
- Named in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* in Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2023 – 2025
- Recognized as a “Rising Star” in Business Litigation by Thomson Reuters’ *Super Lawyers* – Texas, 2023 – 2025

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- State Bar of Texas “TYLA Director Spotlight” Feature, September 2022

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Texas Young Lawyers Association
 - National Trial Competition Committee, Co-Chair (2024-2025)
 - State Moot Court Competition Committee, Vice-Chair (2024-2025)

- Board of Directors as the ABA-YLD District 25 Representative for South/Central Texas
- State Bar of Texas LeadershipSBOT, Class of 2021-2022

