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Marty is a trial lawyer committed to providing tactical counsel in adherence to unwavering professional standards

Marty manages complex cases in both state and federal courts, with a growing emphasis on defending lawyers and law firms against claims related to professional liability and conflicts of interest. Marty plays a crucial role in all aspects of his cases, from crafting compelling case themes to preparing and defending witnesses, securing decisive expert opinions, and implementing early-stage litigation strategies aimed at achieving pre-trial dismissals and favorable settlements.

Marty is a devoted student of emerging trends at the intersection of technology and the law, including generative artificial intelligence, security, data privacy, and workflow automation. In a fast-paced, technology-driven world, Marty is constantly in search of reliable optimization strategies to better serve and safeguard his clients' interests.

Marty's legal career began as a litigation paralegal in a world-renowned trial practice. That exposure prepared him to distill complex problems and design winning trial narratives for clients across a broad array of legal issues and industries. Before joining Beck Redden, Marty graduated as a named Chancellor from the University of Texas School of Law with high honors and awards in both academics and advocacy. He served as one of two Featured Content Editors for the Texas Law Review, and he contributed to multiple U.S. Supreme Court briefs through the Law School's Supreme Court clinic.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Lead associate in defending Am Law 100 law firm and attorney in a malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty action arising from a series of transactions involving the sale of multiple design patents.
- Assisted in defending Am Law 100 law firm and attorney in a malpractice dispute arising from the structuring and drafting of transactional documents and compliance with state law regulations in the solar industry.
- Lead associate in pursuing injunctive relief and obtaining summary judgment on a Fifth Circuit issue of first impression on behalf of a Fortune 500 telecommunications company.
- Lead associate in pursuing and obtaining pre-suit resolution of dispute between a litigant and its litigation financier.
- Lead associate in pursuing and obtaining pre-suit resolution of dispute between medical device startup and engineering contractor.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Martin J. Gatens, *Five-to-Four: The Case for a Defensive Redesign of the CFPB*, 98 TEXAS L. REV. 1115 (2020)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2020

- Chancellor, Keeper of the Peregrinus
- Order of the Coif
- Texas Law Review, Featured Content Editor
- Dean's Achievement Awards: Contracts, Persuasive Writing and Advocacy, Texas Civil Procedure, Biopharmaceutical Law and Policy
- Jones Day Best Brief Award

B.A., Dartmouth College, *Cum Laude*, 2015

