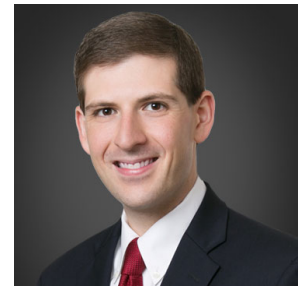


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Nicholas Bruno is committed to providing high quality work for his clients.

He regularly practices in all levels of the Texas appellate system. Through this experience, combined with his experience clerking for Justice Harvey Brown of the First Court of Appeals of Texas, he understands the importance of providing the court with clear, concise, and well-researched arguments.

Nicholas has successfully represented clients in a wide range of litigation, including catastrophic personal injury cases, complex discovery mandamus proceedings, and various health care and commercial litigation matters. In addition, he remains active in the bar, including, among other activities, serving as a member of the Houston Bar Association's Appellate Section Committee and regularly contributing to the HBA *Appellate Lawyer*.

His familiarity with the Texas appellate system began in law school. During law school, Nicholas gained appellate experience serving as an intern for Texas Supreme Court Justice Jeff Boyd and as an intern in the appellate division of the Travis County Attorney's Office. He was also a member of the University of Texas School of Law's Supreme Court Clinic, in which time he helped research and draft briefs and petitions for writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- No. 12-19-00412-CV; *In re UPS Ground Freight, Inc.*; in the Twelfth Court of Appeals, Tyler, Texas: Represented a party seeking mandamus relief from a discovery order granting discovery of confidential driver's records. The Tyler Court of Appeals granted mandamus relief.
- No. 13-19-00492-CV; *Mary H. Robledo v. Jose Luis Villarreal and Evelyn Ramos*; in the Thirteenth Court of Appeals, Corpus Christi, Texas: Served as lead appellate counsel in successfully obtaining the reversal of a default judgment against our client.
- No. 19-20039; *Younas Chaudhary and Bushra Chaudhary v. Chubb & Son, Inc., et al.*; In the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals: Represent plaintiffs in a case involving whether federal law preempted state liability claims against an insurance agent related to representations regarding private excess flood insurance coverage. The Fifth Circuit reversed the district court's judgment dismissing the claims brought by our client and remanded for further proceedings.
- No. 01-19-00894-CV; *In re Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC, and McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC*; in the First Court of Appeals, Houston, Texas: After the court of appeals requested briefing, we successfully opposed mandamus relief in a proceeding involving discovery of documents between a third party (whose opinions Relators' experts reviewed) and the Relators' attorneys.
- No. 01-18-00984-CV; *Belmont Village Hunters Creek TRS, LLC, et al. v. William Marshall, et al.*; in the First Court of Appeals, Houston, Texas: Represent a plaintiff who was sexually assaulted at an assisted living facility in an appeal involving whether her claims against the assisted living facility are health care liability claims as defined under Chapter 74 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

PRACTICES

Appellate
Catastrophic Personal Injury & Wrongful Death Litigation
Class Action & Multi-District Litigation
Healthcare Litigation
Insurance Coverage Litigation
Products Liability Litigation
Professional Liability Defense

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Harvey Brown, First Court of Appeals of Texas (2015-2016)

EDUCATION

J.D., The University of Texas School of Law (graduated with honors), 2015

- *Texas Law Review*, Chief Online Content Editor (2014-15)
- Texas Federalist Society, Executive Vice President (2014-15)
- *Texas Review of Law & Politics*, Staff Editor (2013)
- University of Texas

- No. 01-19-00567-CV; *In re Preston Marshall and Rusk Capital Management, L.L.C.*; in the First Court of Appeals, Houston, Texas: After the court of appeals requested briefing, we successfully opposed mandamus relief in a proceeding involving whether the trial court correctly found that a jury waiver applied to that proceeding.
- No. 13-16-00332-CV; *Mark A. Cantu, III v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline*; In the Thirteenth Court of Appeals, at Corpus Christi-Edinburg, Texas: Successfully obtained reversal of a summary judgment against our client.
- No. 14-17-00818-CV; *Lilian Garrick v. Autoliv ASP, Inc., Autoliv Safety Technology, Inc., Kia Motors America, Inc., and Kia Motors Corp.*; in the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Houston, Texas: Successfully obtained affirmance of summary judgment in favor of our client after aiding in drafting the briefing and presenting oral argument.
- No. 14-16-00537-CV; *Garden Oaks Maintenance Organization v. Peter S. Chang and Katherine M. Chang*; In the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, Houston, Texas: Obtained partial reversal of judgment against our client after aiding in drafting the briefing and presenting oral argument.
- Participated in briefing in several Texas Supreme Court matters, including briefing at the petition for review stage and the briefing on the merits stage.
- Participated in briefing in cases across the country, including the North Dakota Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit.

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Houstonia* Top Lawyer: Appellate Law, 2021
- Co-Outstanding Editor of the Year, Texas Law Review, 2015
- Dean's Achievement Award – Criminal Law, 2013
- Recognized as a "Rising Star" in Appellate by Thomas Reuters *Super Lawyers* – Texas, 2022

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *Statutory Interpretation Principles in Recent Houston Courts of Appeals Decisions*; HBA Appellate Lawyer (Jul 29, 2021)
- Note, *Alliance for Open Society International v. United States Agency for International Development: An Alternative Approach to Aid in Analyzing Free Speech Concerns Raised by Government Funding Requirements*, 93 Tex. L. Rev. 1569 (2015).
- *En Banc Decisions and Preservation Issues in Recent Fourteenth Court of Appeals Decisions*; HBA Appellate Lawyer (Mar 2, 2020).
- *Is there more diversity of thought after the 2018 midterm elections? A look at dissenting opinions in the First and Fourteenth Court of Appeals during the first half of 2019*; HBA Appellate Lawyer (Aug. 19, 2019).
- *Oral Argument: Present to Help the Court*; HBA Appellate Lawyer (Jul 24, 2018).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Houston Bar Association Appellate Section, Board Member (2020-Present)
- Houston University of Texas Law School Young Alumni Steering Committee (President, 2016-2019; Member 2019-Present)
- St. Thomas More Society (President 2019-2020; Vice President 2018-2019; Immediate Past President 2020-Present)

- Columnist, Houston Bar Association *Appellate Lawyer*
- Garland R. Walker Inn of Court
- Federalist Society
- Christian Legal Society