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For Zach, excellence is the expectation and results are the reward.

Before joining Beck Redden, Zach clerked for Chief Judge Lee H. Rosenthal of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas and Judge Susan P. Graber of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Two years behind the bench trained him to approach each case meticulously with a focus on what really matters. His no-nonsense approach translates into top-notch advocacy at all stages of trial and appeal.

Before his clerkships, Zach graduated at the top of his class from Lewis & Clark Law School. He was an editor of the *Lewis & Clark Law Review*, a research assistant to two professors, a guest lecturer, a tutor, and a mentor. He also published three law review articles and helped draft and edit *Federal Multidistrict Litigation in a Nutshell*.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *Multidistrict Litigation and Personal Jurisdiction*, 24 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 709 (2020)
- *If It Looks Like a Duck: Equal Protection, Selective Prosecution, and Geographic Differences in the Federal Prosecution of Marijuana Crimes under the Controlled Substances Act*, 23 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 1007 (2019)
- *Mental Disability and the Executive: A Comparative Analysis of the Separation of Powers*, 23 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 681 (2019)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
 - Appellate Practice Section
 - Federal Practice Section
- Federal Bar Association
 - National Chapter
 - S.D. Tex. Chapter
- Houston Young Lawyers Association
 - First-Generation Committee
- Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers
- Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Mentor, University of Houston Law Center First-Generation Mentoring Program (2021-present)

PRACTICES

Appellate
Class Action & Multi-District Litigation
Commercial Litigation

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Oregon
- The 13 U.S. Courts of Appeals

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas (2020-2021)
- Hon. Susan P. Graber, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2019-2020)

EDUCATION

- J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, *summa cum laude*, 2019
 - LEWIS & CLARK LAW REVIEW, Notes & Comments Editor
 - Cornelius Honor Society
 - Dean's Scholarship
 - Louis Schnitzer Scholarship
 - Alumni Board of Directors Scholarship
 - Community Service Honors Award (2x)
 - President, American Constitution Society, Lewis & Clark Student Chapter
- M.A., Colorado State University, Political

- Science, 2016
- B.A., University of South Dakota, magna cum laude, Political Science, 2013