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Practice Areas

Appellate

Trials

Education

Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D.,
2010; Order of the Coif; Executive Editor,
Vanderbilt Law Review

University of Michigan, B.A., History and
Political Science, 2007, with Highest
Honors in History

Admissions

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of California

Bar of District of Columbia

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second,
Third, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern,
Northern, Southern, and Western Districts
of Texas; and Eastern District of Michigan

OVERVIEW

Andrew Gould leads Hicks Johnson's appellate practice. He represents plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of complex civil matters in trial and appellate courts nationwide.

Recognized by *Chambers USA* for his "sterling appellate practice," Andrew brings deep appellate experience at every stage of high-stakes litigation — from error preservation through appeal. He has served as lead counsel in more than 270 appeals across federal and state courts, including matters before the U.S. and Texas Supreme Courts. A seasoned oral advocate, Andrew has presented more than 40 appellate arguments — multiple before the Texas Supreme Court and more than 25 before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Equally adept at the trial level, Andrew partners with litigation teams in state, federal, and multidistrict proceedings. He is regularly called upon to assist with complex motions practice before, during, and after trial; error preservation at trial; jury-charge issues; and pre-suit legal strategy.

Andrew's appellate briefs are compelling. He is credible and persuasive in appellate oral arguments. He is zealous in advocating, creative in his approach to complex issues, and highly professional.

Chambers USA, Client Quote

Outside the courtroom, Andrew pairs thought leadership with service to the community. He is the publisher of [1910 & Beyond](#), a Substack that explores the evolving landscape of appellate litigation in Houston and across the state and country. He is an editor of a leading Texas legal treatise, *Bearings' Texas Civil Litigation*, and is a frequent CLE speaker. He serves the legal community as Immediate Past President of the Federal Bar Association's Southern District of Texas Chapter, Secretary of the Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court, and member of the Texas Bar Foundation's Houston Nominating Committee. A supporter of Houston's fine arts, Andrew is on the Board of Trustees for the Houston Symphony.

Before joining Hicks Johnson, Andrew founded and led the appellate practice at a nationally recognized plaintiffs' firm. Prior to that, he was an award-winning federal appellate prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas and practiced complex commercial litigation in Washington, D.C. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Raymond M. Kethledge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Judge Lee H. Rosenthal of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.



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Federal

- Represented families of deceased plant workers in a first-impression issue concerning federal-officer removal jurisdiction. (United States & 5th Cir.)
- Represented an individual in an appeal following a jury trial involving multiple evidentiary issues. (5th Cir.)
- Represented a homeowner in an appeal concerning construction of the Texas Insurance Code. (5th Cir.)
- Represented individuals in an appeal involving Title IX claims. (5th Cir.)
- Represented families of United States Navy sailors in a maritime appeal involving sovereign immunity and apportionment of liability under Singapore law. (2d Cir.)
- Represented an individual in a maritime appeal involving multiple Jones Act issues. (3d Cir.)
- Represented United States Marines in an appeal involving the political-question doctrine and regulatory preemption. (9th Cir.)

Texas

- Represented an estate in an original proceeding presenting a first-impression statutory question concerning security for judgment. (Tex. & Tex. App. — Dallas)
- Represented an individual in an original proceeding involving a first-impression administrative-law issue. (Tex. & Tex. App. — Houston [1st Dist.])
- Represented an estate in an appeal involving the ultrahazardous-activity doctrine. (Tex.)
- Represented an individual in an appeal from a seven-figure jury verdict, raising various trial-practice and procedural issues. (Tex.)
- Represented an estate in an appeal involving statutory issues under the Federal and Texas Arbitration Acts. (Tex.)
- Represented an estate in an original proceeding arising from the denial of summary judgment and involving application of the General Aviation Revitalization Act (GARA). (Tex. & Tex. App. — Houston [14th Dist.])
- Represented an estate in an appeal from a nine-figure jury verdict, raising various trial-practice and procedural issues. (Tex. App. — Dallas)
- Represented an individual in an appeal from a nine-figure jury verdict, raising various trial-practice and procedural issues. (Tex. App. — Houston [1st Dist.])
- Represented an estate in an appeal from a nine-figure jury verdict, raising various trial-practice and procedural issues. (Tex. App. — Houston [1st Dist.])
- Represented bellwether plaintiffs in multiple emergency appeals arising from the Astroworld Festival multidistrict litigation, involving constitutional and discovery issues. (Tex. App. — Houston [1st Dist.])
- Represented an estate in an appeal concerning statutory issues under the Federal Employers' Liability Act. (Tex. App. — Fort Worth)
- Represented an individual in an appeal involving case-terminating sanctions. (Tex. App. — Austin)
- Represented individuals in an appeal involving alleged waiver of arbitration. (Tex. App. — San Antonio)
- Represented individuals in an appeal from a jury trial raising juror-misconduct and evidentiary issues. (Tex. App. — Amarillo)
- Represented an individual in an original proceeding concerning spoliation of evidence. (Tex. App. — El Paso)
- Represented an estate in an appeal involving application of the certificate-of-merit statute. (Tex. App. — Beaumont)

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- Represented an individual in an original proceeding concerning complex discovery disputes. (Tex. App. — Eastland)
- Represented an individual in an appeal from a six-figure jury verdict involving the trial court's imposition of discovery sanctions. (Tex. App. — Tyler)

Illinois

- Represented an individual in an interlocutory appeal involving forum non conveniens. (Ill. App.)
- Represented an estate in appeal involving construction of the state statute of limitations. (Ill. App.)

Other

- Represented an individual in an appeal involving challenges to expert testimony and third-party-beneficiary status. (Cal. App.)
- Represented families of deceased pipefitters in an appeal involving application of the workers' compensation statute. (Colo. & Colo. App.)
- Represented an individual in an interlocutory appeal challenging expert testimony. (Ga. App.)
- Represented an individual in an appeal involving case-terminating sanctions. (Haw. App.)
- Represented an estate in an appeal involving the sudden-medical-emergency doctrine. (Mass. App.)
- Represented an individual in an appeal involving construction of the state savings statute. (N.M. & N.M. App.)
- Represented an estate in an appeal involving construction of the state heirship statute. (Nev.)

All notable experience includes work prior to joining Hicks Johnson.

RECOGNITIONS

- Chambers USA: Litigation: Appellate (Texas) (2022–present)
- Best Lawyers in America: Appellate Practice (2025–present)
- Super Lawyers (2025); Rising Star (2023-2024)
- U.S. Attorney's Awards (2017, 2018, 2019)

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Publisher, *1910 & Beyond*
- Editor, *Bearings Legal Resources: Texas Civil Litigation*
- *Fifth Circuit Update*, Southern District of Texas Law Clerk Training (September 19, 2025)
- *Compare and Contrast Federal and State Appeals*, State Bar of Texas: Civil Appellate 101 (September 3, 2025)
- *Fifth Circuit Year-in Review*, Federal Bar Association: Southern District of Texas Chapter (May 20, 2025)
- *E148: Launching an Appellate Team Inside a Plaintiff-Oriented Firm* | Andrew Gould, Texas Appellate Law Podcast (April 17, 2025)
- *Appellate Tips from the Bench: A Conversation and Q&A with the Justices of the Ninth Court of Appeals*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section (February 27, 2025)
- *A Conversation with Judge Edith Jones*, Garland R. Walker Inn of Court Judicial Jamboree: Federal Courts (January 30, 2025)
- *Unlocking Success: A New Attorney's Guide to Texas Federal Courts & the Fifth Circuit*, Houston Young Lawyers Association (Oct. 10, 2024)

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- *Civil Procedure: From Books to Practice*, Vanderbilt University Law School (September 26, 2024)
- *Episode 67: Andrew Gould (with Nate Crespo)*, Lawyers in the Making Podcast (July 30, 2024)
- *Fifth Circuit and Texas Supreme Court Update*, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (June 21, 2024)
- *Civil Procedure: From Books to Practice*, Vanderbilt University Law School (November 8, 2023)
- *Civil Procedure: From Books to Practice*, Vanderbilt University Law School (January 30, 2023)
- *Federal Practice Series: What Trial Lawyers Need to Know about Appellate Litigation*, Federal Bar Association: Southern District of Texas Chapter (April 26, 2022)
- *Civil Procedure: From Books to Practice*, Vanderbilt University Law School (October 31, 2021)
- *The Justices' Forgotten Debuts*, 69 Duke L.J. Online 27 (2020)
- *Foreword: Richard A. Nagareda, In Memoriam*, 64 Vand. L. Rev. 1397 (2011)
- Comment, *The Hidden Second Amendment Framework within* District of Columbia v. Heller, 62 Vand. L. Rev. 1535 (2009)

AFFILIATIONS

- Immediate Past President, Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter
- Secretary, Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court
- Trustee, Houston Symphony
- Fellow and Member of Houston Nominating Committee, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Federal Bar Association Foundation
- Member, Houston Bar Association, Appellate Practice Section
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Appellate Section, Outreach and Engagement Committee
- Member, *Vanderbilt Law Review* Alumni Advisory Committee
- Member, National Plaintiffs' Law Association Advisory Board
- Member, Federalist Society