

Brent L. Vannoy

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PARTNER | HUGHES WATTERS ASKANASE, LLP

Mr. Vannoy is a partner whose practice is in commercial litigation with a background in contracts and business law.

Mr. Vannoy vigorously prosecutes his clients' rights – whether in court in front of a judge or jury, in arbitration before and arbitration panel, or at a conference table surrounded by businesspeople. He represents business owners and others to assist in matters ranging from private mergers and acquisitions, business restructuring, negotiating and renegotiating contracts, and business dissolutions.

Mr. Vannoy speaks on a broad range of legal issues to a variety of audiences, including trade associations, civil organizations, and educational institutions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP, Houston, TX

5/2016-Present

Partner

- Transportation, Logistics, Courier issues
- Commercial Litigation/Business-related Litigation
- Employment and Independent Contractor Issues
- Unfair Competition
- Business Separation
- Bank Litigation
- Creditors' Rights/Commercial Collections
- Business Torts
- Negligence
- Third Party Claims

EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX

Doctor of Jurisprudence

1995

Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA

Supplemental Studies, Great Books of Western Civilization

1992

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Bachelor of Arts in English

1988

ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Texas

U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

American Bar Association

Houston Bar Association

FEATURED CASES

- In a case involving breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, computer tampering, and injunctive relief, successfully represented a corporate plaintiff from initiation of the case through a six-day jury trial.
- In a case involving commercial fraud and embezzlement, successfully represented the defrauded party through a jury trial.
- In a case involving the manufacture of industrial components to a contractual standard under the Uniform Commercial Code, obtained and collected judgment in favor of the manufacturer.
- In a dispute over “buy out” rights under shareholders’ agreement, filed suit and successfully negotiated resolution on behalf of the shareholder.
- In a case in which a client was alleged to have failed to pay for business equipment, successfully defended the client by asserting a counterclaim for unpaid royalties and negotiating a resolution by which the client recovered from the plaintiff.
- In defense of an appeal of a money judgment arising out of a multi-day jury trial, successfully brief and argue before both state court of appeals and state supreme court.
- In a case involving CEO’s abuse of rights of co-owners, obtain court-ordered award of \$30,000 sanction for discovery abuse followed by multi-day trial leading to seven figure settlement payment.
- In a case for tortious interference in which a plaintiff relied on expert testimony to contend for over \$7.6 million of damages for lost contract renewals, spearhead successful effort to exclude all evidence of the alleged damages (ultimately leading to 100% defense verdict).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Troop Committee Chair, Troop 40, Skyline District, Same Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2012-2018
- Director, Timbergrove Manor Civil Club, 2001
- President, Timbergrove Manor Civic Club, 2002
- Downtown Activities Coordinator, Greater Houston A&M Club, 2002-2008
- Director, Primeway Federal Credit Union, 2016-present
- Harris Award for Outstanding Volunteer, Greater Houston A&M Club, 2004
- Senior Warden, Church of the Holy Trinity, REC, 2012-2015, 2018-present
- Director, Harris County Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, 2004-2006
- Friends of the Inner City Forest – Member 2002-2005