

## C. ED HARRELL

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### OF COUNSEL | HUGHES WATTERS ASKANASE L.L.P.

Mr. Harrell's practice is concentrated primarily in the areas of complex trial and appeals in the areas of consumer and commercial lending, financial institutions, debt collection practices, deceptive trade practices, employment law, and breach of contract.

He also has defended numerous class action suits ranging from employment discrimination to breach of warranty. He serves as lead appellate counsel in the event of appeals. Mr. Harrell has tried more than fifty jury cases to verdict and a number of employment discrimination bench trials.

Since 1977, Mr. Harrell has vigorously served as a legal advocate for his clients.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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*Hughes Watters Askanase, LLP*, Houston, Texas

Of Counsel

2019-Present

Partner

1988-2019

Mr. Harrell represents clients in a variety of industries.

Since the adoption of the Texas Home Equity Amendment, Ed has defended a number of class-action home equity cases as well as many individual claims. These include filing an *amicus curiae* brief in *Stringer v. Cendant Mortgage Corp.*, 23 S.W.3d 353 (Tex. 2000), which guided the opinion. He was also lead attorney, trial and appellate, in *McMahan v. Long Beach Mortgage Co.*, 235 F.3d 1340 (5th Cir. 2000).

Mr. Harrell was part of the team that successfully reversed a nationwide consumer class action in *General Electric Co. v. Jewell*, 2003 WL 22176623 (Tex. Civ. App. - Houston [14th Dist.], no pet.), in which he was trial counsel and co-appellate counsel. *Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc. v. Posey*, 146 S.W.3d 302 (Tex. App. - Texarkana 2004, no pet.). Trial and appellate counsel. Nationwide consumer class action reversed.

*Harrell & Solomon*, Houston, Texas

Partner in firm and its predecessors

1980-1988

### SELECTED CASES

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*Porterfield v. Cenlar, FSB*, No. 05-14-00663-CV, 2016 WL 1019, 359 (Tex. App. – Dallas, Mar. 15, 2016, no pet.)

*Naddour v. Nationstar Mortg., LLC*, 553 Fed. Appx. 435 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2014).

*In re Solano Well Services, L.L.C.*, 539 Fed. Appx. (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2013).

*Duran v. Entrust, Inc.*, No. 01-08-00589-CV, 2010 WL 1241093 (Tex. App. - Houston [1st Dist.] Mar. 25, 2010, pet. denied).

*In re Cueva*, 371 F.3d 232 (5th Cir. 2004)

*TMS Mortgage, Inc. v. Golias*, 102 S.W.3d 768 (Tex. App. - Beaumont 2003, no pet.)

*Youngblood v. GC Services, Ltd. Partnership*, 186 F.Supp. 2d 695 (W.D. Tex. 2002)

*Merchandise Center, Inc., et al v. WNS, Inc.*, 85 S.W.3d 389 (Tex. App. - Texarkana 2002, no pet.)

*Boales v. Brighton Builders*, 29 S.W.3d 159 (Tex. App. - Houston [14<sup>th</sup> Dist.] 2000, review den.)

*Askanase v. Livingwell, Inc.*, 45 F.3d 103 (5th Cir. 1995)

## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON 1977  
Doctor of Jurisprudence

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY 1973  
Bachelor of Science (Economics)

## LICENSURE

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Licensed, State Bar of Texas 1977-Present

- Southern District of Texas – U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- Northern District of Texas – U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- Eastern District of Texas – U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- Western District of Texas – U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- U.S. Court of Claims
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association

