

# AIDEN AUSTEN

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## ASSOCIATE | HUGHES WATTERS ASKANASE LLP

*Mr. Austen has been admitted to the following practices and courts: State of Texas*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Hughes Watters Askanase, L.L.P.**, Houston, TX 6/2024-Present  
*Associate Attorney*
- Schechter, McElwee, Shaffer & Harris**, Houston, TX 2/2024 – 4/2024  
*Contract Attorney, Maritime*
- Assist managing partner with on and offshore maritime case management in state and federal courts
  - Draft and respond to pleadings, discovery requests, settlement and mediation memoranda
- Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea, BenMaier and Eastham**, Houston, TX 6/2023 – 1/2024  
*Associate, Defense Base Act*
- Reviewed, analyzed and summarized claims documents including medical records, incident reports, and employment files
  - Completed legal analysis of files to determine likelihood of recovery, recoverable amounts, and identification of additional documentation necessary for recovery
  - Participated in conferences with the Department of Labor to address issues pertinent to the resolution of files
  - Communicated clearly and concisely with clients on issues involving the Defense Base Act and the War Hazards Compensation Act
  - Managed and prioritized legal assignments to ensure all tasks are completed
  - Contacted and communicated with opposing counsel to resolve underlying aspect of Defense Base Act claims
  - Conducted depositions of Claimants regarding Defense Base Act claims
- Liskow & Lewis**, Houston, TX 12/2021 – 5/2023  
*Associate, Toxic Tort & Environmental Litigation*
- Assisted with Deepwater Horizon spill trial preparation
  - Drafted pleadings and responded to motions and written discovery in cases filed in state and federal court
  - Researched and drafted legal memorandum on issues involving toxic torts
- Matthews & Associates**, Houston, TX 11/2020 – 11/2021  
*Associate*
- Represented clients in medical device MDLs against several manufacturers
  - Assisted with Ad Litem probate proceedings
  - Interpreted laws, ruling, and regulations regarding business interruption insurance coverage related to SARS-CoV-2
  - Reviewed insurance contracts and provided analysis on insurance coverage related to SARS-CoV-2
- Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto, Aziz & Stogner**, Houston, TX 11/2019 – 11/2020  
*Contract Attorney*
- Conducted legal research regarding complex procedural and substantive issues
  - Drafted motions, pleadings and written discovery in state and federal cases
  - Maintained client relationships, including conducting initial interviews and advising legal rights
  - Represented clients in complex product liability and catastrophic injury claims

## EDUCATION

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**South Texas College of Law**, Houston, TX

*Juris Doctorate*

5/2019

- Fred Parks academic scholarship
- CORPORATE COUNSEL LAW REVIEW, Associate Editor  
American Inns of Court, Garland R. Walker Chapter
- Mitchell Hamline – London, England, Summer 2017

**University of Houston**, Houston, TX

5/2016

*Bachelor of Business Administration, cum laude, In Finance*

- Dean's List: 2014, 2015
- Transfer Excellence Scholarship
- Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Investment Banking Scholars Club

## LICENSURE

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Licensed, State Bar of Texas

2019 - Present

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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State Bar of Texas

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

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- K-9 Angels Rescue (Foster parent)
- Traveling
- History
- Architecture
- Motorsports