

ERIC P. HAAS

PARTNER

Eric P. Haas brings a decade of business litigation experience to Gardner Haas PLLC. Formerly with the national law firm Bickel & Brewer, Eric has represented clients in state and federal courts around the country, and in domestic and international arbitration proceedings, in commercial matters involving claims for breach of contract, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair competition, bad faith, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, patent infringement, environmental damages, and securities law violations. With extensive experience working on high-dollar, high risk “bet the business” cases at a sophisticated, complex practice, Eric understands what it takes to achieve the best possible results for his clients.

Super Lawyers Magazine recognized Eric as a Texas Lawyer “Rising Star” in 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014. The Rising Stars list recognizes no more than 2.5 percent of lawyers in Texas each year.

Eric earned his juris doctor degree, *cum laude*, from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where he was a member of the SMU Law Review Association Board of Editors and the Order of the Coif. He also holds a bachelor of business administration degree from Baylor University, where he graduated *cum laude*, and was a member of the Business Excellence Scholarship Team, the Financial Management Association Honor Society, and the Honor Society of Beta Gamma Sigma.



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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Hospitality

MG-Carlyle, LLC v. Marriott Int'l, Inc., et al. (state court, Alexandria, Virginia)
Represented hotel owner in prosecuting claims against hotel management company for breach of contract and fraud.

Incentive Marketing, Inc., et al. v. Sheraton Operating Corp., et al. (AAA arbitration, Miami, Florida)
Defended hotel management company against claims for breach of contract, fraud, and negligent representation relating to an event booked in connection with the 2007 Super Bowl.

Trade Secret, Tortious Interference, Unfair Competition

Hyatt Corporation, et al. v. BMC – The Benchmark Management Company (state court, Conroe, Texas)
Represented hotel management company in defending against claims for tortious interference with contract and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Fraud, Fiduciary Duty, and RICO

Bruce K. Siddle, et al. v. Pharos Capital Partners, L.P., et al. (federal court, Nashville, Tennessee)

Represented private equity fund managers and private equity funds in defending against fraud claims asserted by minority owner of portfolio company. Obtained judgment dismissing all claims against clients and secured award of over \$1 million in attorneys' fees from plaintiffs; dismissal affirmed on appeal.

James & Jackson LLC v. Evander Holyfield, et al. (state court, Atlanta, Georgia)

Represented minority owner in television network in prosecuting claims for breach of fiduciary duty against board of directors and officers arising out of a "squeeze-out" merger. Also represented client in related proceedings in Delaware state court.

Cakewalk V Ltd. v. B & Y Charters International, L.L.C., et al. (state court, Dallas, Texas)

Represented yacht charter broker in defending against multi-million dollar fraud and negligent misrepresentation claims asserted by the owner of the Cakewalk mega-yacht.

e-Financial Ventures I, L.P., et al. v. MIB Group, Inc. (state court, Dedham, Massachusetts)

Represented venture capital fund in prosecuting fraud claims against portfolio company.

Intellectual Property and Licensing

Family Suites Resort, LLC v. Viacom International, Inc. d/b/a MTV Networks (state court, New York, New York)

Represented resort owner in breach of contract dispute against licensor involving licensed-property rights.

Geotag, Inc. v. Frontier Communications Corp., et al. (federal court, Marshall, Texas)

Represented inventor and patent owner in obtaining discovery in patent infringement action.

Insurance and Antitrust

Pharos Capital Group, LLC, et al. v. Nutmeg Insurance Co. (state and federal court, Dallas, Texas)

Represented insured party in prosecuting claims against insurer for breach of contract, violations of the Texas Insurance Code, and bad faith.

RSR Corp. v. Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., et al. (state court, Dallas, Texas)

Represented insured party in prosecuting antitrust, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty claims against insurers.

Environmental

State of Minnesota, et al. v. 3M Company (state court, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Represented client in defending against complex, multi-party environmental claims seeking in excess of \$1 billion in damages.

Real Estate

Shops Dunhill Ratel, LLC v. Apple Texas Restaurants, Inc. (state court, Dallas, Texas)

Represented client in seeking damages for breach of commercial real estate lease.

Felicia Wimbrey v. US Homes, Inc. (state court, Denton, Texas)

Represented client in prosecuting claims for breach of real estate sale agreement and violation of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

EDUCATION

JD, SMU Dedman School of Law

BBA, Baylor University

PUBLICATIONS

“Back to the Future? The Use of Biometrics, Its Impact on Airport Security, and How This Technology Should Be Governed,” *Journal of Air Law & Commerce*, (69 J. Air L. & Comm. 459)

“Upon Closer Review: How Hotel Management Agreements Are Interpreted – And Enforced”,
Hotel Business Review, Coauthor

HONORS

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COURT ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Texas

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit