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**PRACTICES**

Appellate  
Commercial Litigation  
Litigation

**EDUCATION**

JD, 1980, *cum laude*,  
Harvard Law School  
Judicial Clerkship for  
Chief Justice Greenhill  
at the Texas Supreme  
Court (1980-1981)  
BA, 1977, *summa cum  
laude*, Duke University

**ADMISSIONS**

Texas 1980  
US District Courts for  
the Northern, Southern,  
Eastern and Western  
Districts of Texas  
US Court of Appeals for  
the Fifth Circuit  
US Supreme Court

Scott is head of the firm's appellate section and his practice includes all aspects of litigation. He returned to Andrews Kurth in 2009 after 20 years of judicial service at all levels of the Texas court system: six years on the Texas Supreme Court, three years as Justice and Chief Justice of the First and Fourteenth Courts of Appeals respectively, and eleven years as Judge of the 234th District Court. During those years he presided over 670 trials to verdict, and authored more than 600 appellate opinions, including 122 opinions of the Texas Supreme Court.

Scott is board-certified in civil appellate, civil trial and personal injury trial law. He previously served on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee and on the Supreme Court Jury Task Force. He is a co-author of *Texas Pretrial Practice* and has written law review articles in the Baylor, Oak Brook, South Texas, and St. Mary's law reviews.

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

- Recognized as a "Local Litigation Star" in Texas by *Benchmark Litigation* (2011)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Appellate Practice (2012)
- Profiled as one of the leading Appellate lawyers in Texas, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* (2010-2012)

**BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES**

- DRI's 10th Appellate Advocacy Seminar (June 21, 2012)
- Speaker, "Texas School Funding: How Much is Enough?" Texas Public Policy Foundation, 10th Annual Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature (January 12, 2012)
- "Respondent's Strategies in the Supreme Court," presented at The Texas Bar CLE: Practice Before the Texas Supreme Court, Austin, Texas (April 15, 2011)
- Panelist, The University of Texas School of Law's 15th Annual Insurance Law Institute (October 14-15, 2010)

**AFFILIATIONS**

- Justice, Texas Supreme Court (2003-2009)
- Chief Justice, Fourteenth Court of Appeals (2001-2003)
- Justice, First Court of Appeals (2001)
- Judge, 234th District Court of Harris County (1989-2000)
- Board Certified - Civil Appellate, Civil Trial & Personal Injury Law Texas

## Scott A. Brister

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Foundation (1992-present)
- College of the State Bar of Texas (1990-present)

### IN THE NEWS

- Featured in "Former Justice Scott Brister Talks About Experience, Amici and Activist Judges," Texas Lawyer (September 27, 2010)

### PRESS RELEASES

- Andrews Kurth Receives High Accolades in Litigation and Appellate Practices (December 16, 2011)
- 54 Andrews Kurth Lawyers Named Best Lawyers in America 2012 (September 22, 2011)
- Andrews Kurth Partner Scott A. Brister to Speak at The Federalist Society, Houston Lawyers Chapter (September 28, 2009)
- Former Supreme Court Justice Scott A. Brister Joins Andrews Kurth (September 8, 2009)
- Texas Supreme Court Justice Scott A. Brister to Join Andrews Kurth (August 17, 2009)