



Grant Schmidt

Managing Partner

About

Recently named in the 2024 and 2025 editions of “Best Lawyers in America,” identified in 2024 and 2025 Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Litigators in America, recognized by D Magazine as a “Best Lawyer Under 40” in 2020 – 2024, and recognized on D Magazine’s 2024 list of “Best Lawyers” overall, Grant Schmidt is the first Managing Partner of our Dallas office. Our Dallas office continues to grow under his leadership. Grant has extensive trial, oral argument, and deposition experience, and he specializes in complex commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, and white-collar criminal defense. Grant’s advocacy style is collegial yet aggressive, strategic, and principled. Prior to serving as our Dallas Managing Partner, Grant was a litigation partner at Winston & Strawn in Dallas. During this time at Winston, Grant was a key member of the 3-week trial team that represented the preeminent surgeon Doctor Nick Nicholson, the only defendant to be acquitted in a high-profile health care fraud case where 21 individuals were indicted. Grant was also previously selected to serve as an Assistant District Attorney at the Dallas County District Attorney’s Office through a program sponsored by Winston. Grant ran multiple jury trials as an Assistant District Attorney, handling everything from jury selection to closing argument.

After law school, Grant previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sam A. Lindsay of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. He received his Juris Doctor in 2013 from the University of Texas School of Law, where he graduated with honors. During his time at UT Law, he was Editor-in-Chief of The Review of Litigation and served as an intern for the Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn, the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Grant was also chosen by his class at UT Law to speak at their 2013 graduation ceremony. In 2010, Grant graduated from the University of Notre Dame with honors and earned his Bachelor of Arts with a degree in Economics and Political Science. During his senior year, Grant served as student body president.

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Education

University of Texas School of Law, JD, 2013 (with honors)
University of Notre Dame, BA, 2010 (with honors)

Practice Areas

- Arbitrations & Commercial Disputes
- Executive Mobility
- National Trial Counsel
- Government Enforcement & Investigations

Experience

- Winston & Strawn (Partner)
- Law Clerk, The Honorable Sam A. Lindsay (United States District Court – Northern District of Texas)

Awards

Named to the Best Lawyers in America list in 2024 and 2025

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2025 edition of The Best Lawyers® in America

2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America



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Grant currently serves on the Northern District of Texas's Advisory Committee and previously served as the President of the Federal Bar Association's Dallas Chapter. He is a member of the board of multiple organizations, including the Advisory Council of the Catholic Foundation, Saint Mary of Carmel Catholic School in West Dallas, Faith Fitness, and the Human Impact, a non profit that partners with the homeless of Dallas. Grant is a member of the City of Dallas's Ethics Advisory Commission (appointed by Dallas City Council) and serves as the chair of the Dallas Alumni Steering Committee for the University of Texas School of Law. Grant formerly served as a member of the Executive Board of the Jesuit College Preparatory School Alumni Association, his high school alma mater.

Grant is also the creator and host of "I Do This Because," a podcast that profiled the motivations and personalities of Dallas leaders.

Grant and his wife, Cynthia, who is also an attorney at Hilgers, maintain their national practice in Dallas where they live with their 5 children.

Highlights

- Grant has wide-ranging litigation experience asserting and defending claims of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, fraudulent inducement, trade secret misappropriation, patent infringement, trademark infringement, copyright infringement, trespass, negligence, wrongful termination, and more. Grant has been heavily involved in intellectual property disputes, products liability disputes, class actions, false claims act matters, matters involving the TCPA, real estate disputes, executive mobility claims (in the context of non compete, non solicitation, and confidentiality provisions), and more. These representations have been in the following industries: healthcare, transportation, professional sports, food services, media, entertainment, oil and gas, construction, real estate, financial services, education, automotive, aerospace, retail, technology, utilities, and beyond. A few examples include:
- Served as trial counsel for Dr. William Daniel Nicholson IV, a well-known bariatric surgeon and founder of the Nicholson Clinic for Weight Loss Surgery in Dallas in a case alleging healthcare bribes and kickbacks. Of the 21 defendants indicted, 9 defendants pleaded not guilty and were tried in a single, seven-week trial. Nicholson was the only defendant acquitted of all charges.
- Represented large steel fabrication company in bet-the-company suit against competitor. Obtained early injunction against competitor restraining the competitor's theft and unlawful use of trade secrets. After litigating for two years, obtained successful settlement for client on eve of trial.
- Represented developer of billion-dollar lakeside real estate project outside Dallas who faced injunction in favor of marina owner restricting development; obtained dissolution of injunction in favor of marina owner and dismissal of all claims against developer.



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- Represented Fillmore Capital Partners, LLC, Fillmore Strategic Investors, LLC, Fillmore Strategic Management, LLC, Golden Gate National Senior Care, LLC and AlixaRx, LLC in a trade secret and patent litigation matter brought by Tech Pharmacy Services. Following a month-long trial, a jury rendered its verdict in less than a day, rejecting the plaintiff's claims for fraud and trade secret misappropriation and finding no infringement on the asserted patents
- Represented relators and obtained a successful settlement in a \$100 million-plus False Claims Act case.
- Represented Fresenius Medical Care in over 12,000 individual product liability cases. The first bellwether trial ended in a defense verdict and the vast bulk of cases settled thereafter.
- Successfully secured a decisive win in recent 2024 arbitration (specifically defending client against breach of fiduciary duty claims in the tech sector); succeeded on counterclaims and secured attorney's fees for client as well.
- Successfully defended company in recent 2024 arbitration against breach of contract claims and alter ego allegations (leading to a complete defense win with zero damages awarded to the claimant)
- Successfully achieved outright dismissal in 2024 on behalf of a start up tech company in the context of a jurisdictional dispute in TX
- Successfully achieved outright dismissal in 2024 of TCPA claims against non profit organization in NDTX