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Mr. Turner is a third-generation attorney with a natural gift for advocacy and problem-solving. He is admitted to practice in the courts of the state of Texas, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and all federal districts in Texas, as well as the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas. His practice focuses on commercial disputes and transactions.

Mr. Turner has extensive experience litigating high-stakes disputes in state and federal district courts and has successfully presented numerous appeals in Texas courts and the Fifth Circuit. He has practiced in numerous industries and issue areas including commercial and residential construction, real estate, property owners' associations, fiduciary liability and legal malpractice, biomedical, oil & gas, beer and liquor distribution, tech, and hospitality. Mr. Turner also has experience assisting clients with business and real estate transactions.

Prior to joining Cain & Skarnulis in February 2008, Mr. Turner served as a briefing attorney for the Eleventh Court of Appeals, as Assistant General Counsel to the Governor of Texas, and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas. At the Governor's Office, he provided counsel in the areas of local government, natural resources, and open government. During his time with the Attorney General's office, he managed a substantial litigation docket representing state agencies and officials such as the Secretary of State, Texas Tech University, the Texas Department of Insurance, and various state district judges. Because of his experience in state government, Mr. Turner has also maintained an administrative law

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practice representing individuals and governmental entities in connection with governmental and regulatory disputes.

Mr. Turner graduated from Baylor University School of Law where he served as a teaching and research assistant in Baylor's nationally ranked Practice Court program—described by the Princeton Review as “boot camp” for trial attorneys. Prior to law school, Mr. Turner attended Texas Tech University where he earned a B.S. in Public Relations. Mr. Turner has been repeatedly named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers. View his Super Lawyers profile [here](#).

Mr. Turner serves on the Texas Real Estate Commission as a public member and secretary having been appointed by Governor Perry in 2012 and re-appointed by Governor Abbott in 2015. He is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and serves on the Deans' Advisory Committees for the Texas Tech School of Media and Communication and Texas Tech School of Graduate Studies. Mr. Turner is also involved with I Live Here I Give Here, the Flatwater Foundation, Baylor Law Alumni Association, Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, and First United Methodist Church of Austin, where he has served on the Administrative Board and Board of Trustees. He and his wife Jamie, also a Baylor lawyer, live in Austin with their children, Cameron and Eliza.