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Experience

Focus Areas

Commercial Litigation
Construction Litigation
Corporate Governance
Emerging Companies
Media & First Amendment Litigation
Private Equity
Securities Litigation

Charles-Theodore Zerner is a senior associate in the firm's complex commercial litigation/dispute resolution group. Charles focuses his practice on assisting clients in various stages of commercial litigation for matters involving contractual disputes, securities fraud, environmental torts, non-disclosure and non-compete agreements, secured transactions under UCC Article 9, and insurance matters.

Charles earned his J.D. from Tulane University Law School, graduating summa cum laude in the top 5% of his class. Prior to law school, he received his B.A. in romance languages and literatures from Harvard University, receiving the David McCord Prize for musical achievement. Zerner was awarded Best Lawyers in America® for commercial litigation in 2019 and 2020 and has been listed as a SuperLawyers Louisiana Rising Star since 2016. Charles previously worked as an associate for Barrasso, Usdin, Freeman, Kupperman, & Sarver, LLC in New Orleans.

Representative Matters

- Assisted clients in various stages of commercial litigation for matters involving contractual disputes, securities fraud, environmental torts, non-disclosure and non-compete agreements, secured transactions under UCC Article 9, and insurance matters;
- Perform legal research and draft court pleadings, including complaints, answers and pretrial motions - including motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment in cases with over \$100 million in controversy;
- Sophisticated e-discovery experience performing early data assessments, drafting and executing e-discovery plans, training predictive coding algorithms to achieve high F1 scores, using data filtration tools, clustering algorithms, drafting complex traditional searches and teaching CLEs and publishing articles on the same;
- Successfully helped clients to recover (or avoid) millions of dollars in damages at trial level and obtained the reversal of an award of over \$7 million on appeal.

Credentials

Education

Tulane University School of Law

New Orleans, LA 2012
Summa Cum Laude
Order of the Coif
Juris Doctorate

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA 2002
Honors
B.A. Romance Languages and Literatures

Associations and Memberships

State Bar of Louisiana

Honors and Awards

Best Lawyers in America
2019-2023

Louisiana Rising Star, Thomson Reuters
2016-2020

Associate Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America
2017

New Orleans Top Lawyers for Antitrust, New Orleans Magazine
2016

Admissions

Louisiana, 2012