

# UNDERWOOD

## Appellate Law



Our appellate attorneys regularly represent appellants, appellees, and amicus in high-stakes litigation, exhaustively striving to craft persuasive arguments and briefing. Working in tandem with trial lawyers, we also assist with various issues in the trial court such as error preservation, jury charge drafting, charge conferences, and more complicated and nuanced briefing. We also provide assistance in seeking emergency and mandamus relief. Whatever the issue, our appellate lawyers stand ready to research, brief, and consult on complex issues both before and during litigation, administrative proceedings, and appeals.

## Related Attorneys

- Jennie Knapp
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## Appeals



Although Texas allows judges a lot of discretion in family law suits, under certain circumstances a party may successfully appeal a judge's order or a jury verdict. Appeals are complicated and expensive. They are not to be entered into lightly. It is not enough that you did not agree with the order or that you had better arguments and evidence than your opponent. In most cases, the judge must have committed harmful, reversible error, abusing his or her discretion, for an appeal to succeed. Our family law attorneys can give you an honest, experienced appraisal of how you likely would prevail on appeal and what success an appeal would mean to your case. We will not appeal your case unless we determine that you have a chance of winning.

If you are interested in appealing an order of a court, it is essential that you contact us as soon as possible. You can damage your appellate case or forfeit it entirely if you miss certain deadlines, some of which arise very quickly after the court hearing or after the court's signature on the final order. The entire appellate process can take a long time, two years not being unusual.

## Related Attorneys

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