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ABOUT

Hailey represents clients in a broad range of complex disputes in state and federal courts and arbitration tribunals. She has experience drafting and arguing dispositive motions, managing discovery, and advocating for clients in the courtroom.

Hailey listens carefully to her clients and tailors her strategy to efficiently achieve their goals. She is attuned to both the procedural posture and dynamics of each case and communicates effectively with opposing counsel and the court alike.

Before she was a lawyer, Hailey was an actor. This background sharpened her empathy and strengthened her ability to effectively communicate.

Hailey loves to read fiction books in her spare time and admittedly joins too many book clubs. She enjoys discussing Michigan football and Texas baseball, playing trivia, and watching Jeopardy. As a native Austinite, you will often find her swimming at Barton Springs or walking the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Admitted: Texas, 2019; U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2020
- Education: University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2018); *Michigan Law Review*, Articles Editor; *Michigan Law Review*, Coblenz Prize for Outstanding Contribution; Michigan Law Pro Bono Program, Certificate of Pro Bono Service; University of Evansville (B.F.A. Theatre Performance, *summa cum laude*, 2015).

- Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Lee Yeakel, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas (2022-2023)
- Judicial Law Clerk, Hon. Robert L. Pitman, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas (2023)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represents Central Texas development company in a dispute involving construction defects, coordinating expert witness testimony and managing discovery
- Acts as Texas counsel in federal court for shareholder derivative and patent litigation
- Served as trial counsel in a week-long jury trial in Texas state court, gaining first-hand experience presenting evidence, examining witnesses, and arguing before a jury
- Represented global renewable energy company in breach-of-contract arbitration action involving alleged design defects, taking and defending depositions and presenting and cross-examining witnesses in a two-week final arbitration hearing
- Obtained dismissal of claims against Austin-based newspaper in federal court action alleging violation of the Trafficking Victims' Protection Reauthorization Act
- Defended film, music, and technology festival organizer in a federal court class action lawsuit alleging breach of contract due to COVID-19 cancellation
- Represented global renewable energy company in breach-of-contract arbitration action, taking and defending depositions and cross-examining witnesses in a three-week final arbitration hearing
- Served as counsel for private Texas university in a dispute involving construction delays and construction defects, drafting motions related to misuse of expert witnesses, drafting discovery requests and discovery responses, and handling discovery disputes

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Central Texas Federal Bench Bar**
 - Board Member, 2025- 2026
- Austin Young Lawyers Association
 - Director at Large, 2020
- Austin Bar Association (Civil Litigation Section, Civil Appellate Section, Construction Law Section)
- Federal Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas (Litigation Section, Construction Law Section)

COMMUNITY

- Texas Bar Foundation Fellow

- **United Way for Greater Austin Emerging Leaders**
 - Executive Committee, 2019 – 2021
 - Co-Chair of Executive Committee, 2021 – 2022
- ZACH Theatre
 - Marketing Committee, 2021 – 2022

AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Austin Monthly*, Austin's Top Attorneys for 2025, Recognized in Construction
- *Austin Monthly*, Austin's Top Attorneys for 2022, Recognized in Construction
- *Austin Monthly*, Austin's Top Attorneys for 2021, Rising Star