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Derek represents clients in a wide range of civil lawsuits and helps his clients solve problems.

A particular area of focus for Derek is federal-court litigation. Prior to joining Cantey Hanger, Derek served for three years as law clerk to the Honorable Terry R. Means, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division. Derek currently serves on the Court Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Derek is also an appellate practitioner, having argued numerous cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Other areas of emphasis within Derek's practice include qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act, insurance-coverage litigation, contract disputes, construction-related litigation, and serving as de facto general counsel for small businesses and organizations.

PRINCIPAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate
- Construction

EDUCATION

- The University of Memphis, J.D., 2010
  Managing Editor, The University of Memphis Law Review
- Union University, B.S.B.A., 2007

EXPERIENCE

- Matthews v. Green, No. 4:22-CV-0471-P, 2023 WL 319949 (N.D. Tex. Jan. 19, 2023)
- Sealed Appellant v. Sealed Appellee, No. 22-10116, 2022 WL 3359272 (5th Cir. Aug. 15, 2022)
- United States ex rel. Roshan v. E. Texas Med. Ctr., No. 6:16-CV-01128-JDK, 2020 WL 8918651 (E.D.

Tex. Nov. 24, 2020)
- Surratt v. McClarin, 851 F.3d 389 (5th Cir. 2017), denied sub nom. Surratt v. McClaran, No. 16-1492, 2017 WL 2573655 (U.S. Oct. 2, 2017);
- Jones v. Shivers, No. 16-41347, 2017 WL 3911775 (5th Cir. Sept. 6, 2017)
- Hurlston v. City of Princeton, 672 F. App'x 335 (5th Cir. 2016)
- Hackbelt 27 Partners, L.P. v. City of Coppell, 661 F. App'x 843 (5th Cir. 2016)
- Hefner v. Texas Health Mem'l Hosp. Fort Worth, 720 F. App'x 732 (5th Cir. 2018)
- House of Praise Ministries, Inc. v. City of Red Oak, No. 10-15-00148-CV, 2017 WL 1750066 (Tex. App.—Waco May 3, 2017, no pet.)
- Ashley Electric LLC v. VM Energy LLC et al., No. DC-14-01128, 95th Judicial District Court, Dallas County (Nov. 17, 2014)
- Capshaw v. Fort Worth Independent School District, 4:17-cv-00094-A (N.D. Tex. Mar. 21, 2017)

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed in Tennessee, 2010
- Licensed in Texas, 2013
- Admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- Admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Tarrant County Bar Association, Diversity Committee
- Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association
- Leading Edge, Class of 2017
- Co-Founder, Community Frontline of Fort Worth, Inc.
- Mentor, Kid's Hope USA, I.M. Terrell Elementary School, 2014
- Volunteer, GO Center, Dunbar Middle School, 2015
- Federal Bar Association
- Coach, Mock Trial Team, Young Men's Leadership Academy (2022)
- Coach, Mock Trial Team, Young Men's and Women's Leadership Academies (2021)
- Selected "Rising Star" for 2018, 2019, and 2020 by Texas Super Lawyers
- Co-Recipient, Community Service Award, 2018, presented by Dunbar High School Alumni Association
- Recognized in Fort Worth Inc. Magazine for being a "Top Attorney" for 2018 and 2021
- Rocketship Public Schools Texas, Board Member
- Court Advisory Committee, U.S.D.C. for the Northern District of Texas
- Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit
- Selected to 360West Magazine's "Top Attorneys 2021"

NEWS

- No One to "Lien" On? An Introduction to the Miller Act
- "With Bite, and Without Apology": Some Basics on Challenging Qui Tam False Claims Act Complaints within the Fifth Circuit
- Derek Carson Newest Partner at Cantey Hanger Law Firm
- Cantey Hanger Lawyer Derek Carson Recognized as Rising Star
- Four Cantey Hanger Attorneys Selected Rising Stars
- Cantey Hanger Attorneys Listed in Fort Worth Inc. Magazine
- "Oh Snap!" A Loophole Around the Forum-Defendant Rule
- The July/August, 2018 Edition of the Tarrant County Bar Bulletin has Published John Polzer and Derek Carson
- ExxonMobil Defeats Personal Jurisdiction Challenges
- Four Cantey Hanger Attorneys Selected Rising Stars
- Derek Carson has been accepted into Leadership Fort Worth's Leading Edge Class of 2017
- Derek Carson Writes "Challenging a default judgment in a Texas Federal Court" which appears in the Fort Worth Business Press and citybizlist Dallas
- Several Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Take Affect on December 1st, 2015
- Cantey Hanger's July, 2014 Posting of the Creditor's Rights and Bankruptcy Section E-Newsletter
- Cantey Hanger Announces "14 New Lawyers" in Texas Lawyer Magazine
- Derek Carson Joins Cantey Hanger

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- "No One to "Lien" On? An Introduction to the Miller Act", published on citybiz.co, August 22, 2021
- ""With Bite, and Without Apology": Some Basics on Challenging Qui Tam False Claims Act Complaints within the Fifth Circuit", published by Texas Lawyer Online, August 17, 2021
- "Oh Snap!" A Loophole Around the Forum-Defendant Rule", October 2018 Headnotes, Antitrust Trade Regulation Business Litigation Section of the Dallas Bar Association
- "'Oh Snap' A Loophole Around the Forum-Defendant Rule in Removal Cases," Tarrant County Bar Association Bulletin (July /August 2018)
- "Federal Rules Update: December 2015," The Federal Lawyer (April 2016)
- "Challenging A Default Judgment In A Texas Federal Court" So you just learned that a federal court in Texas has entered a default judgment against your company.
- "Texas Supreme Court Issues New "Spoliation" Rules with Implications for Company Document-Retention Policies", July 15, 2014
- "Fifth Circuit Clarifies the 'Active Participation' Exception to the Internal Revenue Code's Farming Syndicate Rules," July 8, 2014
- "Chapter 150 Update," Cantey Hanger LLP – January 2014
- "Things to Consider When Writing a Brief," Cantey Hanger Associate Training, April 15, 2015
- "Playing Eighteen Holes of Golf Will Teach You More About Your Adversary Than Will Eighteen Years of Dealing with Him in a Courtroom," presented by J. Frank Kinsel, Jr., at the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys, 2015 Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, Florida, April 22-26, 2015
- "Appellate Issues Involving Voir Dire," Presented at the Tarrant County Bar Association's Brown Bag Seminar Series "Brave New World: Jury Selection," January 22, 2016