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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Mr. Hovnatanian is the head of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom's Appellate Section. Mr. Hovnatanian is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, a former Chief Staff Attorney of a court of appeals, and a product of the nationally-renowned Appellate Advocacy Program at South Texas College of Law, where he won several championships and numerous individual awards. He handles civil appeals in state and federal courts across the nation. His appeals are frequently on the cutting edge of the law, recently in the areas of employment law and insurance contract construction. In addition to handling appeals and original proceedings, Mr. Hovnatanian frequently works with clients and trial attorneys on trial court matters such as law-intensive motions, charge conferences, and all types of error preservation. He writes and speaks on appellate topics. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor in the South Texas College of Law Appellate Advocacy Program and has coached numerous teams to a championship.

#### **PRACTICE AREAS:**

- Appeals
- Original Proceedings
- Trial Courts – Law-Intensive Motions, Charge Conferences, and Error Preservation

#### **HONORS:**

- Named to "Super Lawyers List" by *Texas Monthly Magazine*, 2004–2018
- Order of the Barristers
- Phi Delta Phi
- Dean's Student Advocacy Service Award, 1989
- South Texas College of Law Outstanding Individual Advocate, 1988–89
- South Texas College of Law Outstanding Individual Advocate, 1987–88

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

- United States Supreme Court
- All Texas Courts
- United States Courts of Appeals, Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits
- United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

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**EMPLOYMENT:**

- Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, L.L.P., October 2000 – present
- The Holman Law Firm, P.C., October 1998 – September 2000
- Feldman & Rogers, L.L.P., May 1997 – September 1998
- Chief Staff Attorney, First Court of Appeals, January 1996 – May 1997
- Senior Staff Attorney, First Court of Appeals, May 1993 – January 1996
- Research Attorney, First Court of Appeals, December 1991 – May 1993
- Marshall, Gonzalez & Carlson, April 1988 – October 1991
- Lecturer in Appellate Advocacy, South Texas College of Law, 1989 – Present

**EDUCATION:**

- South Texas College of Law, J.D., 1988
- Baylor University, B.A., 1982

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

- State Bar of Texas
- Houston Bar Association
- Appellate Section, State Bar of Texas

**PUBLICATION SAMPLES:**

- *Poetry in Motions: Motion Practice in the Court of Appeals*, State Bar Appellate Practice Institute, 1998 (Author)
- *Motion Practice in the Courts of Appeals: What You Should Say and How You Should Say It*, South Texas College of Law, 1997 (Author)
- *Techniques of Persuasion: Drafting an Effective Legal Argument*, Houston Bar Association Appellate Law Section, 1998 (Co-Author)