

## Appellate Litigation

As a distinct practice area involving experience in appellate procedure, sophisticated legal analysis, and the art of persuasive written and oral advocacy, appellate litigation is an integral part of Jones Walker's practice. The appellate practice group emphasizes in-depth legal research and the presentation of logically developed arguments and briefs that are compelling, concise, and direct. Jones Walker appellate specialists brief and argue cases on the merits at all levels of state and federal court. Our appellate litigators also prepare *amicus curiae* briefs on matters of concern to firm clients and prepare emergency writ applications before and during trial.

The appellate litigation practice group draws attorneys from each of Jones Walker's substantive practice groups, including antitrust, bankruptcy, construction, environmental and toxic tort, ERISA, intellectual property, international law, maritime, products liability, professional liability, securities, telecommunications, and white collar crime. The appellate practice group has a depth of experience in a wide array of substantive areas and is highly qualified to handle appeals of all sizes cost effectively.

Because appellate litigation is based on a defined record, our appellate litigators work closely with trial counsel to shape legal issues and properly preserve issues for appeal. Our appellate litigators are often called to brief and argue pre-trial motions for summary judgment, dismissal of the complaint, class certification, exclusion or admission of evidence, judgment as a matter of law, and new trial. We are frequently asked to handle appeals of matters that have been tried by other attorneys.

Numerous Jones Walker appellate litigators are former judicial clerks of federal and state courts. Through frequent court appearances and participation in activities of the bench and organized bar, Jones Walker's appellate attorneys have earned the respect of many of the appellate judges in the Louisiana state and federal systems.