



**Gregory T. Perkes**  
**Former Justice, Court of Appeals**

## **Education**

- St. Mary's University School of Law, JD, 1987  
Distinctions:
  - Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Fraternity
  - Sr. Associate Editor of St. Mary's *Law Journal*
  - Tie for American Jurisprudence Award in Contract Law
  - American Jurisprudence Award in Police Misconduct-Civil Rights Litigation
- University of Texas at Austin, BA in Zoology, 1983
- Certifications:
  - Mediation Certificate, Mediators of Texas, 2017
  - National Judicial College's Advanced Skills for Appellate Judges Program, 2016
  - New York University School of Law, Dwight D. Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration New Appellate Judges Series, 2012
  - Texas Center for the Judiciary's College for New Judges (honor and distinction), 2010

## **Professional Experience**

Perkes Law Firm, P.C., 2017-current

Principal Attorney/Owner. Legal practice focuses on Appellate Law, Business Law, and Mediations.  
Board certified in Civil Appellate Law by Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1995.

State of Texas, 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals, 2011-2016

Appellate Court Justice. Ran court chambers including hearing oral arguments, writing/editing briefs, and handing down legal opinions.

Perkes Law Firm, P.C., 2002-2010

See description above.

Donnell, Abernethy & Kieschnick, P.C. (fka Meredith, Donnell & Abernethy), 2001-2002  
Of Counsel.

Cohn, Casstevens & Bircher, P.C. (fka Wood & Burney), 1990-2000

Associate Attorney. Law firm practice focused on business, banking, and real estate.

State of Texas, 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals, 1987-1989

Briefing Attorney. Researched and wrote appellate briefs for Sr. Assoc. Justice Norman Utter.

## Licensures

- Licensed to practice in State of Texas and before United States District Courts for the Southern District of Texas; the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit; and the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

## Client/Case List

- See attached representative list of client cases litigated and appealed, as well as opinions handed down.

## Awards/Distinctions

- Consistent AV peer review rating from Martindale Hubbell.
- Fellow Member of the College of the State Bar, 25+ years.
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.
- Member of Association of Attorney-Mediators.
- SBA/SBDC Small Business Champion Award.
- Judge Paul W. Nye Professionalism Award.
- Cameron County Bar Association's Outstanding Service Award.
- Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow.

## Bar Membership/Activity

- Memberships in Bar Association for US Supreme Court; Bar Association for Fifth Federal Circuit; American Bar Association; and State Bar of Texas, including Judicial and Civil Appellate Law sections.
- Serving on State Bar of Texas Appellate Council and Texas Board of Legal Specialization's Civil Appellate Law Advisory Commission.
- Board of Directors for Corpus Christi, Cameron County, and Hidalgo County (formerly) Bar Associations.
- Served on Texas Center for Judiciary's Board of Directors and State Bar of Texas Judicial Section's Legislative Committee.
- Previously Co-Editor for *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section Report.

## Speaker/Panelist Publications

- Written and spoken on numerous legal topics such as "Civil Trial Law," "Civil Appellate Law," "Original Proceedings-The Writ of Mandamus," "Interlocutory Appeals," "Summary Judgments," "Default Judgments," "Primer on Civil Appellate Law," "Summary Judgment - A Practice in Transition," "Tips for Appellate Briefing," and "The Trial Attorney's Best Ally - The Civil Appellate Specialist."

## Community Leadership

- Leadership Corpus Christi Graduate, Board of Governors, Board of Directors, and Class Steering Committees.
- Corpus Christi and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Corpus Christi Mustang, and Corpus Christi Bucurader.
- Corpus Christi Rotary Club Board of Directors and Sergeant of Arms; District Lieutenant Governor.
- Boy Scouts of America, including Eagle Scout, Assistant Scoutmaster, Woodbadge Award, Unit Commissioner and Woodbadge Guide for BSA South Texas Council.

## Personal

Born in Chicago, IL and raised in McAllen, TX. Married to Rachel Barchus Perkes, an educator, with two grown sons Andrew and Christopher.

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