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Tyler G. "Ty" Doyle always puts his clients first. As one client's General Counsel writes, "Thoughtful, thorough, professional, pleasant—Ty is among the best lawyers with whom I have ever worked . . . He was always available to speak, any hour of the day or night [and] his analysis was instant and always spot on." Another lawyer writes that he "is the attorney's attorney" and can always be trusted to handle difficult questions. Ty has a general civil litigation and appellate practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants. In recent years, his practice has focused on commercial litigation and intellectual property disputes in the oil and gas, healthcare, and financial services industries. Ty also provides defense work in medical malpractice actions and has practiced before the "Vaccine Court" in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

Ty received his A.B., magna cum laude, from Princeton University in 2002, where he graduated in three years. He received his J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2005, where he was an Executive Editor of the Stanford Law Review and served on the Executive Board of the Stanford Journal of International Law. He also graduated with Pro Bono Distinction, based on the number of hours of free legal services he provided while attending law school, and was awarded the James W. Lyons Award for exceptional contributions to the Stanford community. An active alum, he was a member of Stanford Law's Board of Visitors from 2012-15.

Upon graduation from law school, Ty served as law clerk to the Honorable Edith H. Jones, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. An avid writer, he has published law-related articles in Slate, Newsweek.com, and The Huffington Post, and has been quoted on legal issues in media outlets across the country. Ty has been recognized as a Texas Rising Star by Super Lawyers every year since 2013, and was recently named a Top Attorney in Houston for 2016 by both H Texas and Houstonia Magazines.

Ty is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in Texas, New York, California, and the District of Columbia, along with several additional federal district and appellate courts.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Princeton University

A.B., Politics, *magna cum laude*, 2002

Stanford Law School

J.D., 2005

Executive Editor, *Stanford Law Review*

Executive Board, *Stanford Journal of International Law*

Law Clerk

to the Hon. Edith H. Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
2005-2006

Partner

Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., 2014-Present

Associate

Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., 2010-2013

Associate

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, 2006-2009

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Selected as a *Texas Rising Star* in 2013-2017
H Texas Top Attorney in 2016
Houstonia Best Attorney in 2016



ADMISSIONS

State Courts of Texas
State Courts of New York
State Courts of California
District of Columbia
The United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
The United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Central Districts of California
The United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York
The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
The United States District Court for the District of Columbia
The United States Court of Federal Claims
The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

ORGANIZATIONS

- Houston Bar Association

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **Quantlab v. Godlevsky**
Mr. Doyle represents a Houston-based investment firm in a case involving claims of misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract, copyright infringement, and fraud. After obtaining stipulated judgments of \$28.5 million from each of four settling defendants, the case proceeded to a jury trial in the Southern District of Texas, where Quantlab won an additional \$12.2 million against two defendants who refused to settle.
- **Hall v. Nobilis**
Mr. Doyle and a team of SKV lawyers scored a quick and decisive win for client Nobilis Healthcare. On December 8, less than six weeks after Plaintiff filed a securities class action Complaint against Nobilis in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Plaintiff dismissed his case against Nobilis with prejudice to refile it.
Based on a short-seller's blog posted on the Seeking Alpha website, the Complaint, filed on October 21, made a number of general and vague allegations against the Company and copied verbatim several accusations made in the Seeking Alpha Blog. The Company vigorously responded to the Complaint, filing a Motion to Dismiss on November 9 even before Nobilis had been served. Faced with this aggressive response, Plaintiff on November 18 moved the Court to extend Plaintiff's time to respond to the Motion to Dismiss, a tactic Nobilis opposed. On December 1, the Court denied the Motion for Extension of Time to Respond and required Plaintiff to file a response to the Motion to Dismiss by December 9. Instead, on December 8, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice dismissing the Complaint.
- Following a bench trial, Mr. Doyle obtained judgment for an oil and gas company in a dispute arising out of sale of mineral leases in South Texas.
- Mr. Doyle represented an owner and operator of ambulatory surgery centers across Texas in numerous matters, including the successful resolution of a \$1.6 million real estate suit and the collection of over \$500,000 in overdue payments.
- In a breach of contract case alleging environmental contamination, Mr. Doyle represented defendant, former construction-products manufacturer. The case resulted in a zero-liability judgment for the client following a jury trial.
- Mr. Doyle represented a developer of geochemical machinery used in oilfield analysis in a suit alleging trade secret/intellectual property theft.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Law Review:

Equitable Estoppel in the Context of Claims for Tortious Interference with Contractual Relations: Has the Texas Supreme Court Gone too Far? with Clayton A. Morton, South Texas Law Review (forthcoming, Spring 2016)

Internet:

[Why is John Boehner Resigning?](#), published in Huffington Post (2015)

[The Legality Behind "Trespassers will be Shot" Signs](#), published in Huffington Post (2015)

[Why So Many Lawyers are Unhappy \(Hint: It's Avoidable\)](#), published in Huffington Post (2015)

[The Disrespect of Clarence Thomas](#), published in Slate and Newsweek.com (2015)

Quoted:

InformationWeek, [Software Licensing Audits: Is Your Company Prepared?](#) (2015)

InformationWeek, [Data, Lawyers, and IT: How They're Connected](#) (2015)

Wine Industry Insight, Will *Walmart v. Texas* be *Granholm II* and Headed for SCOTUS? (2015)