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Kylie Calabrese is an associate in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Houston office. She practices in the firm's Litigation Department, where she represents and counsels clients through the entire lifecycle of complex litigation. Kylie represents clients in state and federal courts across the country in a wide range of subject matters—from technology and real estate to energy and financial services, and has been recognized as a Texas Rising Star by *Super Lawyers*.

Recent Representative Experience:

- Secured dismissal with prejudice of three high-profile Texas state court actions under the Texas Anti-SLAPP statute and the attorney-immunity doctrine, vindicating an attorney client's free speech rights.
- ***Gray Development and Gray Services v. ZOM Holdings Inc.*** Trial counsel in a twelve-day jury trial in Phoenix, winning a \$296 million verdict for Arizona developers Gray Development and Gray Services. The case involved ZOM's misuse of Gray's proprietary development plans and breach of non-circumvention and non-disclosure agreements. The *American Lawyer* recognized the team as "Litigators of the Week."
- Represented life settlement broker in payment dispute, resulting in a total victory, including an almost \$2 million arbitration award, fees and costs, and a take-nothing judgment on defendant's counterclaims.
- Defended social media company in case of first impression interpreting Texas's biometrics law.
- Won judgment on the pleadings for social media company based on Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.
- Represented investment management firm at trial of real estate dispute.
- Represented American petroleum exploration and production company in international arbitration of breach-of-contract dispute.
- Drafted pro bono amicus brief to United States Supreme Court on novel issue of First Amendment application.

Before joining the firm, Kylie served as a law clerk to the Honorable Andrew S. Hanen, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and to the Honorable Robin S. Rosenbaum, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Kylie earned her J.D. from Baylor University School of Law, where she served as an Executive Editor of the *Baylor Law Review*, worked as a research assistant to multiple professors, and succeeded in many advocacy competitions. She graduated from Baylor Law in 2020 *summa cum laude* and as the highest-ranking member of her graduating class. She received her Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of South Carolina



Capabilities

Litigation
Appellate and Constitutional Law
International Arbitration
Real Estate Disputes
Technology Litigation
Trials
White Collar Defense and Investigations

Credentials

Education

Baylor University - 2020 Juris Doctor
University of Texas - Austin - 2017 Master of Arts
University of South Carolina - 2015 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, Hon. Robin S. Rosenbaum, 2021 - 2022
USDC, Southern District of Texas, Hon. Andrew S. Hanen, 2020 - 2021

Honors College, graduating *magna cum laude*. Before law school, Kylie worked as the legislative director for a Texas state representative while she earned her Master of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

Kylie is a member of the Texas bar and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas.

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