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Jack DiSorbo is a litigation associate in the Houston office of Gibson Dunn whose practice focuses on trials and appeals in high-stakes business litigation. Jack has represented plaintiffs and defendants in federal and state courts across the country and has experience litigating a broad range of civil claims, including breach of fiduciary duty, securities, antitrust, oil and gas, trade secrets, bankruptcy, contracts, commercial torts, and employment. He also maintains an active pro bono practice, focusing on religious liberty and litigation involving other constitutional rights.

Jack has particular experience with the newly created Texas Business Court and regularly appears before the court, including the second-ever Business Court trial in January of 2026. He also serves as a special advisor to the Business Court Subcommittee of the Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee. Jack writes legal articles on Business Court practice and procedure, which have been cited in Business Court opinions, the Texas Business Litigation Treatise (6th ed.), and other judicial and academic materials.

Recent Representative Matters:

- Served as second chair in Texas Business Court's second-ever trial. ***Mesquite Energy, Inc. v. Sanchez Oil & Gas Corp***., No. 24-BC11B-0018 (Tex. Bus. Ct. 11th Div.). Represented Plaintiff Mesquite Energy and secured an eight-figure verdict (exact judgment confidential).
- Obtained dismissal of tortious-interference claim against the general counsel of the parent of the **Reynolds & Reynolds Company** based on attorney immunity in the first-ever grant of mandamus relief on the merits from a decision of the Texas Business Court. ***In re Jackson***, No. 25-15-235-CV (Tex. App.—15th Dist.).
- Defeated preliminary injunction motion in bankruptcy court seeking a nine-figure asset-freeze order. ***In re Serta Simmons Bedding***, No. 23-9001 (Bankr. S.D. Tex.).
- Represented **Monsanto Company** as appellate counsel in connection with proposed class settlement of up to $7.25 billion to resolve claims relating to Roundup, and defeated effort by objecting members of the putative class to remove the class action to federal court. ***King v. Boylan***, No. 26-2217 (8th Cir.).
- Appointed as pro bono counsel to represent a prisoner in a federal excessive-force lawsuit. ***Clay v. Obeng***, No. 7:22-cv-126 (N.D. Tex.). Served as second chair in a jury trial.
- Served on jury trial team on behalf of **Johnson & Johnson** in mesothelioma case and leveraged favorable settlement during second week of evidence. ***Newton v. Johnson & Johnson***, No. DC-19-09317 (Dallas County Dist. Ct.).

Capabilities

Litigation
Appellate and Constitutional Law
Class Actions
Securities Litigation
State Attorneys General
Trials

Credentials

Education

University of Houston - 2020 Juris Doctor
University of Texas - 2017 Bachelor of Science
University of Texas - 2017 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod, 2022 - 2023
USDC, Southern District of Texas, Hon. Charles R. Eskridge III, 2020 - 2021

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- Represented **Vale S.A.** as trial and appellate counsel to obtain unanimous dismissal of $500 million conversion, unjust enrichment, and conspiracy claims for lack of personal jurisdiction. *Itabiriçu Nacional de Pesquisa Mineral Ltda. v. Vale S.A.*, No. 13-25-526-CV (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2026). The *American Lawyer* recognized the team as a runner-up for "Litigators of the Week."

- Quashed emergency subpoena to **NVIDIA** in export-control prosecution seeking tens of thousands of documents containing highly sensitive information. ***United States v. Yuan***, No. 4:25-cr-687 (S.D. Tex.).

- Advised **Pioneer Natural Resources** on the Federal Trade Commission's antitrust investigation of the acquisition by ExxonMobil, resulting in a consent decree allowing the deal to close. ***In re ExxonMobil Corp.***, No. 241-0004 (FTC).

- As pro bono counsel, obtained reversal of injunction against church pastor in religious-liberty case. ***Pool v. Dad's Place of Bryan, Ohio***, No. {86}WM-24-020 (Ohio Ct. App.)

Before joining the firm, Jack was selected as a trial fellow in the special litigation division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, where he represented the State of Texas in top-priority civil trials. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jennifer Walker Elrod of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Honorable Charles R. Eskridge III of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Jack received his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Houston Law Center. While there, he was selected as Senior Articles Editor of the *Houston Law Review*. He also worked as a judicial extern to Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Judge Marcia Crone of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, and Chief Justice Sherry Radack of the First Court of Appeals of Texas.

Jack attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he received undergraduate degrees in mechanical engineering and Plan II Honors, and a minor in American history. He also played on the men's club soccer team.

Jack is a member of the Texas bar and admitted to practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Eighth, and Federal Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Texas. He also writes articles on civil procedure and legal history, and his recent works have been published by the Journal of Supreme Court History and the Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy.

Publications:

- *Learning from One of the First Business Court Trials*, Texas Lawbook (Mar. 2026) (with C. Cox)
- *The Texas Business Court: Year One*, 57 St. Mary's Law Journal 185 (2026)
- *Delaware vs. Texas: A Comparison of Corporate Governance and Business Courts*, 113 The Advocate 12 (Winter 2025) (with C. Babcock and J. Sepehri) (republished by the Texas Bar Business Law Section)
- *The Judicial Compensation Clause*, in The Heritage Guide to the Constitution 453 (3d ed. 2025) (with Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod and D. Mackenzie)
- *A Primer on the Texas Business Court*, 76 Baylor Law Review 360 (2024)
- *Appellate Court Mandates: An Introduction and Proposed Reform*, 22 Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy 155 (2024)
- *The Bronze Doors*, 48 Journal of Supreme Court History 332 (2023) (with Hon. Charles Eskridge)
- *On Executive Orders and the Royal Prerogative*, 26 Texas Review of Law &

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- *The Limitations of State and Local Climate Policies*, 57 Houston Law Review 1169 (2020)

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