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DANIEL L. GEYSER PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Daniel L. Geysler is the Chair of Haynes and Boone’s U.S. Supreme Court practice and a member of its appellate group. He focuses on complex and high-stakes appellate litigation, representing clients in the Supreme Court of the United States and in courts of appeals nationwide. He was named one of Law360’s 2022 “Appellate MVPs,” an honor awarded to only four lawyers in the United States—Dan’s second time winning the award in the past four years.

Dan is widely regarded as one of the nation’s leading Supreme Court and appellate lawyers. He has argued 13 U.S. Supreme Court cases in private practice, with his 14th and 15th arguments already set for next Term. He has twice had three cert. petitions granted in a 12-month period (a feat matched by few global firms), and personally handled over 5% of the Court’s merits docket in OT 2018. He has been named to the National Law Journal’s “Appellate Hot List,” earned weekly honors as a Law360 “Legal Lion,” achieved national appellate rankings in Chambers and The Legal 500, and been listed among the “veritable who’s who of the Supreme Court bar” (Empirical SCOTUS). His petitions are regularly featured among the “Petitions of the Week” on SCOTUSblog, and he is a three-time winner of NAAG’s Best Brief Award for excellence in brief-writing before the Court. In the past half-decade, Dan ranks among the top five lawyers nationwide for total Supreme Court arguments in private practice, notching “rare victor[ies]” (SCOTUSblog) and “huge win[s]” (Reuters) in cases that industry experts said could not be won.

Beyond the Supreme Court, Dan handles high-stakes appeals nationwide, litigating major cases (for plaintiffs and defendants) in nearly every circuit in virtually every major area of federal law. Dan also handles landmark state-court appeals, including arguing seven times before the Texas Supreme Court.

Dan graduated Phi Beta Kappa, with honors and distinction, from Stanford University, and with honors from Harvard Law School, where he was the Notes Chair of the Harvard Law Review, a best-brief winner and oralist on the championship team of Harvard’s moot-court competition, and a research assistant to Professor Laurence H. Tribe, working on his academic writing and appellate docket. After law school, Dan clerked for the Hon. Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He has received the State Bar of California’s Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services and is a past appointee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit Pro Bono Panel.