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EDUCATION

- J.D., magna cum laude, New York University, 2001. Order of the Coif, Journal of Legislation and Public Policy.
- M.A., with honors, Regent University, 1998. Outstanding Graduate of 1998.
- B.A., with honors, Stanford University, 1994.

COURT ADMISSIONS

- State of Texas
- The U.S. Supreme Court
- The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- The U.S. District Courts of the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

BAR ADMISSIONS

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- Travis County Bar Association

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Joel Thollander is an Associate in the Austin office of McKool Smith whose practice focuses on appeals and motions in complex cases. Mr. Thollander rejoined the firm in September 2006 after serving two years in the Attorney General of Texas' Office of the Solicitor General.

As an Assistant Solicitor General, Mr. Thollander received the Best Brief award from the National Association of Attorneys General for excellence in brief writing in the U.S. Supreme Court.

From 2001-2002, Mr. Thollander was Clerk to the Honorable Craig T. Enoch of the Texas Supreme Court.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Thollander has handled and assisted with numerous significant appeals, including:

In the U.S. Supreme Court

- *Baranowski v. Hart* (RLUIPA)
- *Van Orden v. Perry* (First Amendment)
- *LULAC v. Perry* (Redistricting)

In the Texas Supreme Court

- *Sonat v. Cudd* (Choice of Law, Oilfield Indemnity)
- *State v. Oakley* (Ch. 103 Compensation)

In the Fifth Circuit

- *Golden Bridge v. Ericsson* (Anitrust)
- *Staley v. Harris County* (First Amendment)