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Clients turn to trial lawyer Victor Vital to handle high-profile and high-stakes jury trials of virtually all types. He remains dedicated to distinguishing himself as a top trial lawyer through his experience around the country and his likability and relatability to judges and juries alike.

Victor's ability to absorb complex subject matter quickly and then package and present it persuasively to diverse juries makes him suitable for virtually any high-stakes trial case in major U.S. metropolitan areas. Having tried more than 100 cases in two decades of practice, Victor seeks to remain ever prepared for jury trials of various types.

Victor is widely recognized for his trial experience. He is ranked in Band 1 by Chambers USA for Litigation: Trial Lawyers. Chambers reports, "Victor Vital of Barnes & Thornburg LLP is a strong performer in a range of commercial disputes and also has considerable experience handling high-stakes personal injury litigation. He is recognized for his trial abilities." Clients report to Chambers that Victor "is a team player so it is easy to work with him. He is unflappable and a good trial lawyer with a positive attitude," and that he is "very versatile and can handle a lot of types of cases." Because of his broad trial experience, clients and lawyers turn to Victor regardless of the subject matter when they need a trial lawyer for their important cases.

Victor was inducted into the Texas Lawyer Verdicts Hall of Fame for securing a number one jury verdict – the largest employment verdict in Texas – for a corporate plaintiff in a complicated noncompete/trade secrets matter. He has also secured a number one verdict in the fraud category in the Texas Lawyer Top Texas Verdicts & Settlements, which also made the National Law Journal Top 100 list, with a jury verdict of nearly \$34 million (including \$16 million in punitive damages) in a partnership dispute involving claims of fraud and breach of fiduciary duty. In 2022, one of Victor's defense verdicts was listed in the Courtroom View Network's list of Top 10 Most Impressive Defense Verdicts of 2022.

Victor is often brought onboard on the eve of trial - in the final months or

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#### **EDUCATION**

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law, (J.D.), summa cum laude, 1995

Oakwood University, (B.S.W.), magna cum laude, 1992

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Texas

#### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

#### LANGUAGES

English

#### PRACTICES

Business Tort Litigation (Tortious Interference)

Commercial Litigation

**Compliance and Monitorships** 

even weeks leading up to trial – because of his deep trial experience. Chambers USA further notes, "He stands out as someone who can jump in, understand the issues, think creatively and gain trust in a short period of time." Victor is a prolific author and invited lecturer and educator on trial issues. He also teaches trial practice techniques and provides commentary on major trials and cases in the media.

Previously, Victor served as a partner in other national and international law firms and prosecuted cases in a prominent district attorney's office.

## **Professional and Community Involvement**

Member, Dallas Regional Chamber board of directors

Member, American Law Institute

Member, American Bar Association

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Fellow, The Trial Law Institute

Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Senior fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Chair, Dallas Education Foundation

Leadership Dallas, 2014 Class

## Honors

Chambers USA, 2021-2023

The Best Lawyers in America, 2016-2024

Best Lawyers in Dallas, D Magazine, 2023

Texas Lawyer, Texas Trailblazers, 2020

Franchise Times Legal Eagle, 2019-2020

Dallas Super Lawyers, 2005-2023; Rising Star, 2004-2005

Dallas Business Journal Minority Business Leader Award, 2015

National Association of Distinguished Counsel Nation's Top Attorneys (Top One Percent), 2015

Litigation Counsel of America Peter Perlman Service Award, 2013

Contract Litigation Drug and Medical Device Estate and Trust Litigation Franchise and Distribution Litigation Franchising and Distribution Litigation Non-Compete Litigation Product Liability and Mass Torts Trade Secret Litigation Trial and Global Disputes White Collar and Investigations

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