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Dan Polese joined LPHS after clerking at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He received his J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was the administrative editor of the Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal and participated in moot court and mock trial.

Before beginning his career in law, Dan attended the United States Naval Academy and earned a B.S. in Mathematics. After graduation, he served as a naval aviator flying helicopters and as a mission planner for cruise-missile strikes.

Having discovered a love for traveling during his time in the military, he lived in the south of France for a year after leaving the service. There he found a passion for carpentry and metalworking and would practice speaking French by touring small wineries in the region. He remains an avid traveler and, in his spare time, enjoys listening to TED Talks while designing his next project to build.

### EDUCATION

- United States Naval Academy, B.S. Mathematics
- University of Texas School of Law, J.D.

### PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Barbara M. G. Lynn American Inn of Court
  - Barrister, 2013-2016
  - Master, 2019-present
- SMU Dedman College of Humanities & Sciences
  - Executive Board, Member 2015-present
  - Dean's Research Council, Member, 2015-present
- Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court, Associate, 2006-2007
- Dallas Bar Association, Member, 2005-present
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation, Life Fellow
- The Kessler School Parent Teacher Organization, Treasurer, 2020-2021

### HONORS & AWARDS

- "Ones to Watch" by **Best Lawyers**, 2024-2025