



## → Chante B. Westmoreland

### Associate

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Chante Westmoreland is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's Houston office.

### Areas of Practice

Chante has significant trial experience for an associate so early in her career, focusing her practice on trademark, copyright, and trade secret litigation. She has represented both plaintiffs and defendants across a number of industries including luxury fashion brand owners, entertainment, retail, technology, food and beverage, medical devices, and oil and gas.

Prior to joining the firm, Chante clerked for the Honorable Andrew S. Hanen, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas and externed for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. Chante uses her clerkship and trial experiences to represent and counsel clients in intellectual property litigation.

Chante has a strong commitment to providing pro bono legal services, including experience assisting a tribe in cultural property management and protection, providing intellectual property counseling to local artists, and advising small businesses in brand enforcement matters. Before law school, Chante was a corps member with Teach For America.

### Honors

*Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2022-2024*

### Articles

- "History of the Native American Law Section of the State Bar of Texas," 11 J. Tex. Sup. Ct. Hist. Soc'y 1, 76, 2021
- "States Can Pillage Photos Without Threat of Copyright Claims, SCOTUS Rules. What Will Congress Do?," *Law.com*, 2020
- "Holiday Hacks: Quick Tips on Protecting Your Brand from Counterfeiting During the Holiday Shopping Season," *Lexology*, 2020
- "An Analysis of the Lack of Protection for Intangible Tribal Cultural Property in the Digital Age," *California Law Review*, 2018

### Blockchain and Cryptocurrency: Law of the Ledger

- "Takeaways from the Hermès Litigation over MetaBirkins NFTs," March 7, 2023

## Intellectual Property Law Blog Posts

- "Second Circuit Finds Art Collective Can't Use First Amendment to Skate Out of Injunction," December 7, 2023

## Media Mentions

Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs

*The American Lawyer Litigation Daily*, 10.20.2023

Sheppard Mullin Team Wins Mark Dispute for Independent Publisher

*Daily Journal*, 10.18.2023

## Speaking Engagements

State Bar of Texas Native American Law Section, 2019 Federal Case Update on Federal Indian Law, 2020

PrivacyCon Poster Session, Mobile Device Search and seizure in the United States and South Korea, Federal Trade Commission, 2018

## Memberships

Native American Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Secretary

Asian American Bar Association of Houston, President-Elect

International Trademark Association, Member

Copyright Society, Member

Houston Young Lawyers Association, Member

Houston Bar Association, Member

## Practices

Copyrights

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Trade Secrets

Trademarks and Trade Dress

Tribal and Indian Law

## Industries

Art

Artificial Intelligence

Entertainment, Technology and Advertising

Food and Beverage

Retail, Fashion & Beauty

## Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, 2018, *Berkeley Law Dean's Fellow, Associate Editor of the California Law Review, Senior Online Content Editor of the Berkeley Technology Law Journal, and Co Editor-in-Chief of the Berkeley Journal of Entertainment and Sports Law*

B.A., Colorado State University, 2012, *magna cum laude, University Honors Scholar, Dean's List*

## Clerkships

Law clerk to The Honorable Andrew S. Hanen, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

## Admissions

Texas

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Western District of Texas