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Charles-Theodore Zerner practices in the areas of complex commercial litigation and civil appeals. His subject-matter areas include competition law, trade-secrets misappropriation, business torts, contractual disputes, the False Claims Act, and insurance matters. Clients operate in diverse industries, with many involved in the energy and health care sectors.

Mr. Zerner earned his undergraduate degree, *with honors*, from Harvard University. He earned his Juris Doctor *summa cum laude* from Tulane Law School, where he served as an articles editor on the *Tulane Law Review* and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Prior to joining Flanagan Partners, Mr. Zerner was a judicial intern for the Hon. James L. Dennis of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Admitted to the prestigious SLIP program, Mr. Zerner worked for the Commercial Litigation Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington. Beyond the law, Mr. Zerner is bilingual (French and English), spent half his youth in France, and worked for years as a touring musician.

Representative Cases

- Representing businesses accused of violating state antitrust laws and federal RICO statutes against a competitor's claims of over \$100 million.
- Representing, as appellate counsel, an independent mineral-exploration company ordered to pay millions in contract-based damages.
- Representing a national medical-device manufacturer against claims by the U.S. Dept. of Justice under the False Claims Act.
- Representing a hospital system against its insurers to obtain millions in coverage under a directors, officers and entity liability policy.

Professional Activities

- Member, Louisiana State Bar Association
- Member, New Orleans Bar Association
- Co-chair, New Orleans Bar Association "Legalpalooza" benefit concert series for Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
- Member, Tulane Law Review Alumni Association
- Member, French-American Chamber of Commerce (Gulf Coast Chapter)

Education

Tulane Law School, J.D.,
2012, *summa cum laude*

- Order of the Coif
- Articles Editor, *Tulane Law Review*

Harvard University, B.A.,
2002, *with honors*

Judicial Clerkship

Hon. James L. Dennis, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Judicial Internship, 2010.

News & Recognition

While at Tulane Law School, Mr. Zerner earned the following honors:

- Awards for highest grades in Secured Transactions, Internet Law, Civil Litigation Clinic Seminar, and Entertainment Law.
- Performed oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit while working for the Tulane Civil Law Clinic.

At Harvard, he was awarded the David Thompson McCord prize for exceptional creative talent in writing, drama, music, painting, drawing or sculpture.