



**Gregory T. Perkes**  
**Former Justice, 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals**  
**Visiting Judge, 5<sup>th</sup> Administrative Region**

## **Education**

- St. Mary's University School of Law, JD, 1987  
Distinctions:
  - Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Fraternity.
  - Sr. Associate Editor of St. Mary's *Law Journal* (published).
  - Tie for American Jurisprudence Award in Contract Law.
  - American Jurisprudence Award in Police Misconduct-Civil Rights Litigation.
- University of Texas at Austin, BA in Zoology, 1983.
- Certifications:
  - Basic and Advanced (Civil & Family) Mediation Certificates - Mediators & Arbitrators of America.
  - Basic and Advanced Arbitration Certificates - Mediators & Arbitrators of America.
  - TMCA Credentialed Mediator by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association.
  - National Judicial College's Advanced Skills for Appellate Judges Program.
  - New York University School of Law, Dwight D. Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration New Appellate Judges Series (honor and distinction).
  - Texas Center for the Judiciary's College for New Judges (honor and distinction).
  - Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1995.

## **Professional Experience**

State of Texas, Visiting Judge, 2021- present

Perkes Law Firm, P.C./Perkes Law Arbitration-Mediation Services, 2002-2010, 2017-2018, 2021- present  
Principal Attorney, Arbitrator / Mediator.

State of Texas, 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals, 2011-2016, 2019-2020  
Appellate Court Justice.

Cohn, Casstevens & Bircher, P.C. (fka Wood & Burney), 1990-2000  
Of Counsel.

State of Texas, 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals, 1987-1989  
Staff Attorney.

## Licensures

- Licensed to practice in State of Texas and before United States District Courts for the Southern District of Texas; United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit; and Supreme Court of the United States.

## Awards/Distinctions

- Consistent AV peer review rating from Martindale Hubbell (Attorney and Judicial Recognitions).
- Fellow of the College of the State Bar, 25+ years.
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.
- Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.
- Member of Association of Attorney-Mediators.
- SBA/SBDC Small Business Champion Award.
- Judge Paul W. Nye Professionalism Award.
- Cameron County Bar Association's Outstanding Service Award.
- Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow
- Bend Magazine's Arbitrator-Mediator of the Year.

## Bar Membership/Activity

- Memberships in Bar Association for US Supreme Court; Bar Association for Fifth Federal Circuit; American Bar Association; and State Bar of Texas, including Judicial and Civil Appellate Law sections.
- Served on Texas Center for Judiciary's Board of Directors and State Bar of Texas Judicial Section's Legislative Committee.
- Served on State Bar of Texas Appellate Council and currently serving on Texas Board of Legal Specialization's Civil Appellate Law Advisory Commission.
- Served on Board of Directors for Corpus Christi, Cameron County, and Hidalgo County Bar Associations
- Previously Co-Editor for *The Appellate Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section Report (3 years).
- Member, Texas Association of Mediators.

## Speaker/Panelist Publications

- Written and spoken on numerous legal topics such as "Civil Trial Law," "Civil Appellate Law," "Original Proceedings-The Writ of Mandamus," "Interlocutory Appeals," "Summary Judgments," "Default Judgments," "Primer on Civil Appellate Law," "Summary Judgment - A Practice in Transition," "Tips for Appellate Briefing," and "The Trial Attorney's Best Ally - The Civil Appellate Specialist."

## Community Leadership

- Leadership Corpus Christi Graduate, Board of Governors, Board of Directors, and Class Steering Committees.
- Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Corpus Christi Mustang; and Corpus Christi Bucarader.
- Corpus Christi Rotary Club Board of Directors and Sergeant of Arms
- Southside Corpus Christi Rotary Club President and Board of Directors
- Rotary District 5930 Lieutenant Governor, Assistant Governor, Policy Review and Compliance Director
- Boy Scouts of America, including Eagle Scout, Woodbadge Award, Woodbadge Guide, Assistant Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, South Texas Council Executive Committee and.

## Personal

Born in Chicago, IL and raised in McAllen, TX. Married to Kris Tovar Perkes. Two sons, Andrew and Christopher.

