



## Spencer McCandless

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## OVERVIEW

Spencer McCandless is an associate and a member of the Commercial Disputes practice. He concentrates on appellate litigation, federal jurisdiction, and constitutional and administrative law. Spencer also worked in information technology before becoming a lawyer; he is versed in wide array of technical systems, and his practice frequently involves novel issues at the intersection of law and technology. Prior to joining the firm, Spencer practiced with a Seattle-based litigation boutique where he represented clients in complex commercial civil disputes and white-collar criminal matters. Before that, Spencer worked for an elite political law boutique in Washington, DC, where he litigated cases involving voting rights, election law, and First Amendment freedoms. He served in two judicial clerkships, for Judge James Dennis on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Justice Richard Pollack on the Supreme Court of Hawai'i. Spencer also worked in a variety of other legal roles throughout law school, including summering with the National Labor Relations Board's Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation Branch and serving as a law clerk for the United States Senate's Committee on the Judiciary. He graduated with highest honors from The George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC.

Spencer grew up in Southeastern Louisiana, where he learned resiliency and compassion from his community's unwavering commitment to rebuild following natural disasters. He strives to apply these values in his life and legal practice, both in and out of the courtroom.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Judge James Dennis, Judicial Law Clerk; New Orleans, LA; September 2019–August 2021
- Supreme Court of Hawai'i, Justice Richard Pollack, Judicial Law Clerk; Honolulu, HI; September 2017–August 2019
- National Labor Relations Board, Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Branch, Litigation Law Clerk; Washington, DC; June 2016–August 2016
- The United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary; Legislative Law Clerk; Washington, DC; May 2015–November 2015

- The Constitution Project, Public Interest Law Clerk; Washington, DC; January 2015–May 2015

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- The George Washington University Law School John Ordronaux Award (awarded to the law student with highest second-year GPA out of class of 583)
- The George Washington Law Review Howard Rudge Best Note Award
- The George Washington Law School Pro Bono Gold Recognition

## EDUCATION

- J.D., George Washington University Law School, 2017 (*Highest Honors*)
- B.A., University of New Orleans, 2013 (*magna cum laude*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Stingray Confidential, 85 GEO WASH L. REV. 993 (2017)
  - Analyzing law enforcement's use of the common-law informant's privilege to hide their use of cellular site simulation—a powerful surveillance technology—from courts, legislatures, and the public.

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Appellate Litigation
- US Political Law