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Alishan is a trial lawyer focused on high-stakes commercial disputes. He was a member of the trial team that secured a $393 million judgment for Energy Transfer against CPS Energy—one of the firm's most significant commercial litigation matters in the past year—where he cross-examined key fact and expert witnesses. His practice spans the energy, transportation, finance, and technology sectors, and includes examining witnesses at trial, taking and defending depositions, drafting dispositive motions, and arguing hearings. Alishan partners closely with clients to develop practical strategies, solve difficult problems, and achieve successful results.

Credentials

- Duke University School of Law
  J.D., *cum laude*
  Executive Editor, *Duke Law Journal*
  Moot Court Board
  Mock Trial Board
- The University of Texas, B.A., Plan II Honors & Government
- Law Clerk to the Hon. J. Campbell Barker, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- Admitted to Practice:
  Texas

Alishan graduated cum laude from Duke University School of Law, where he served as Executive Editor of the Duke Law Journal and was recognized as the Champion and Top Oral Advocate in the Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition. Before entering private practice, he served as a law clerk to the Hon. J. Campbell Barker of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Alishan is fluent in Hindi and Urdu.

Experience

- Won a $393 million judgment after a three-week state-court bench trial representing a major midstream company in a breach of contract suit for unpaid invoices during Winter Storm Uri.
- Secured a take-nothing judgment after a bench trial on behalf of a major energy company asserting a force majeure defense to a breach of contract claim; served as second chair.
- Secured a $100 million settlement mid-trial in California for a bankruptcy trustee suing for harm to an oil producer put out of business by a rupture, spill, and shutdown of the pipeline transporting its oil.
- Pro bono: Represented an inmate in a Section 1983 religious liberties case and obtained meaningful injunctive and monetary relief for the client.

Professional Honors & Affiliations

- "Ones to Watch" in Commercial Litigation, Best Lawyers in America, 2024-2027
- "Texas Rising Star," in Business Litigation by S*uper Lawyers*, 2026
- Houston Asian American Bar Association (Secretary)
- Houston Public Library Foundation Prologue Society for Young Professionals (Membership Chair)

- Houston Urban Debate League Young Professionals Council

Presentations & Publications

- Panelist: *Duke Law Journal* Diverse Alumni Panel Discussion, April 2022
- "The False Claims Act for Energy Lawyers," TJOGEL Symposium. February 2022 (co-presenter)
- "A Border Deferred: Safeguards Against Immigration National Security Deference After Trump v. Hawaii," 69 DUKE L.J. 1149, 2020 (Note)