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MARISA L. JEFFREY

Associate

Marisa Jeffrey handles insurance coverage disputes for the firm's policyholder clients, from personal lines disputes for high net-worth individuals to complex commercial insurance litigation for the firm's business clients. Marisa also has primary responsibility at the firm for managing non-attorney staff on large-scale discovery projects.

Before joining the firm, Marisa gained valuable courtroom experience in her first year of practice, handling substantive hearings as first- or second-chair, including disputes over jurisdiction, international service, and due process.

During law school, Marisa clerked for several respected Dallas litigation firms, focusing primarily on complex commercial litigation. She contributed to high-stakes cases involving business fraud, breach of contract, and bankruptcy as she performed research, drafted motions and participated in extensive discovery. Marisa also clerked for Justice Elizabeth Lang-Miers on the Dallas Court of Appeals and was selected as chief counsel for the SMU W.W. Caruth Child Advocacy Clinic in her last year of law school.

With her strong litigation background, sound judgment, and relentless work ethic, Marisa demonstrates a solid commitment to providing client-centered, effective, and efficient representation to the firm's clients.

PUBLICATIONS | PRESENTATIONS

- November 2016 "Insurance 101 :: What Every Young Lawyer Should Know" presentation to Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Dallas, Texas
- April 2016 Reprint of "E-Discovery :: What it Means to Us" article in *TYLA eNews*, a Texas Young Lawyers Association publication
- November 2015 "E-Discovery Outsourcing" presentation to Global Society class, Sociology Department, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- June 2015 "Mistakes in Corporate Insurance :: The Top 10" article in *Headnotes*, a Dallas Bar Association publication
- April 2015 "E-Discovery Outsourcing" presentation to Global Society class, Sociology Department, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- March 2015 "E-Discovery :: What it Means to Us" article in *Dicta*, a Dallas Association of Young Lawyers publication
- February 2015 "The Skinny on Dodd-Frank for Insurance Counsel" article in Consultant's Corner for *InsideCounsel.com*
- January 2015 "The Top Ten Corporate Insurance Pitfalls for Counsel to Avoid" article in Consultant's Corner for *InsideCounsel.com*
- December 2014 "Taking Inventory :: An Overview of Corporate Liability Insurance" article in Consultant's Corner for *InsideCounsel.com*
- November 2014 "E-Discovery Outsourcing" presentation to Global Society class, Sociology Department, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- April 2014 "E-Discovery Outsourcing" presentation to Global Society class, Sociology Department, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

PROFESSIONAL | COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
Board Member, 2017 – present
Member, 2012 – present
Leadership Class and Project Steering Committee member, 2015 – 2016
Membership Chair, 2012 – 2015
- Dallas Women Lawyers Association
Board Member, 2017 – present
Mentoring Circles Steering Committee Member, 2015 – present
- Dallas Bar Association Trial Skills Section
Member, 2014 – present
Board Member, 2015 – 2016
- Dallas Bar Association Tort and Insurance Practice Section
Member, 2014 – present
Board Member, 2015 – 2016
- Attorneys Serving the Community, Member
- Junior League of Dallas, Member
- Promise House, Volunteer
- Dallas Bar Association Trial Academy, Member, 2013 - 2014
- Dallas Bar Association, DBA Home Project Committee, Member, 2013 – 2014
- Dallas Bar Association Transition to Law Practice, Mentee, 2012 – 2013

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, 2012, *cum laude*
Chief Counsel for the W.W. Caruth Child Advocacy Clinic, Fall 2011
Jackson Walker Moot Court, Board Member
- B.A., University of Missouri, University Honors Program, 2009, *magna cum laude*
Study Abroad Exchange, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, Spring 2008
Study Abroad, Ghana, West Africa, Winter 2007

BAR | COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- U.S. District Court of the Northern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

- Law Clerk, Hon. Elizabeth Lang-Miers, Dallas Court of Appeals, Dallas, Texas, 2010