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## SHELBI BARNHOUSE

### *Of Counsel*

Shelbi Barnhouse has a broad and diverse background in commercial litigation, ranging from small employment cases to some of the largest, most high-profile securities cases in the country. She has represented clients in class actions, in construction litigation, in bankruptcy litigation, and in matters coordinated by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. Shelbi's most significant experience is in representing businesses, officers, and directors in high-stakes, complex business disputes involving claims for securities fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, defamation, RICO, and shareholder derivative suits.

Shelbi has represented clients in cases in state and federal court, and in the Dallas Court of Appeals, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Regardless of the size or nature of the dispute, Shelbi devotes herself to understanding her clients' needs and achieving the best results possible for them. This background provides her with an invaluable perspective in her representation of businesses in coverage disputes and other complex insurance matters at Amy Stewart PC.

Prior to joining the firm, Shelbi was a partner at Carrington Coleman in Dallas, where she practiced for more than eleven years.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented securities broker-dealer for over four years in multi-billion dollar RICO and commercial disparagement lawsuit brought by a major insurance company in New Jersey state court; drafted dispositive motions; took depositions; coordinated massive electronic document productions and reviews, including third-party discovery; engaged in extensive motion practice; ultimately dismissed on the eve of trial
- Defended a chemical and climate control company in a lawsuit in Kansas federal court brought by a hedge fund seeking up to \$12 million in damages relating to an investment in preferred stock; managed discovery; drafted dispositive motions; ultimately dismissed on all counts
- Drafted successful summary judgment for a national law firm that was sued by an aggressive hedge fund, which led to the dismissal of a \$90 million fraud claim; subsequently secured the dismissal of the lawsuit in the Dallas Court of Appeals
- Member of the team of lawyers that represented former Enron CEO Ken Lay in the vast litigation following Enron's collapse, including the federal securities class action, ERISA class action, criminal prosecution, and MDL proceedings; drafted dispositive motions; coordinated massive electronic document productions and reviews, including third-party discovery; drafted and argued successful partial summary judgment motion in related state court natural gas action; obtained dismissal in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals of an Enron-related class action that alleged state securities and fraud violations
- Assisted pro bono clients in a number of family law-related matters, including adoption, divorce, custody, and child support matters

### PUBLICATIONS | PRESENTATIONS

- February 2012 "Insurance and Indemnification of Directors and Officers: Avoiding Pitfalls 2011," article in the *Corporate Counsel Review*, a publication of the South Texas College of Law
- December 2008 "E-Discovery Nightmares that Keep Lawyers Awake at Night," presentation to the Dallas chapter of Women in E-Discovery

## HONORS | ACHIEVEMENTS

- Named by *Benchmark Litigation: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys* as a "Future Star," 2010, 2011, and 2012; the national publication noted that, "Shelbi Barnhouse receives praise [from her peers and clients] for her complex securities litigation practice."
- Recognized as a *Texas Rising Star* by Thomson Reuters in business and securities litigation, 2006 to 2009

## PROFESSIONAL | COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Attorneys Serving the Community  
Committee Co-Chair, 2005 to 2009  
Member, 2000 to present
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers  
DAYL Foundation, Life Fellow, 2007 to present  
Grant Committee, 2009  
Equal Access to Justice Committee, Co-Chair, 2004 to 2007  
Lawyers Against Domestic Violence Committee, Member, 2001 to 2003  
DAYL Leadership Class, 2001  
Co-Founder of annual DAYL Freedom Run, 2001
- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas  
Attorney Volunteer, 2000 to present
- United Way of Metropolitan Dallas  
Priority Needs Grant Panel, Vice-Chair, 2009  
Member, 2008 Carrington Coleman Campaign Coordinator, 2006 to 2007  
Young Leaders Society, Member, 2006 to present

## EMPLOYMENT

Shelbi began her career with the Dallas firm Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Bumenthal as an associate in 2000. She was a partner with the firm from 2009 until her departure in 2012.

## EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas  
J.D., with Honors, May 2000  
Teaching Quizmaster, August 1999 to May 2000: taught legal research to first-year law students and served as a teaching assistant for a first-year legal writing class  
Consul Award for outstanding contributions to UT Law School, 2000
- The University of Texas, Austin, Texas  
B.A. in Plan II Honors Program, with Highest Honors and Special Honors, May 1997  
Normandy Scholar, January to July 1996: Semester-long study of World War II and scholarship to study in France  
University of Texas College of Liberal Arts Dean's Distinguished Graduate, 1997  
University of Texas Greek Woman of the Year, 1997  
University of Texas Cactus Yearbook Outstanding Student, 1996  
Phi Beta Kappa  
National Merit

## BAR | COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 2000
- United States Supreme Court
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

## JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP

- Judicial Intern, Justice James A. Baker, Texas Supreme Court, January to May 2000