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KATHERINE HENDLER FAYNE

Of Counsel

Katherine Hendler Fayne loves the art of dispute resolution, from the exhaustive research and the delicate crafting of precise, persuasive legal arguments to the high-stakes give and take of the courtroom.

She honed those skills practicing in some of the country's most prestigious litigation powerhouses and through two clerkships in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. While in private practice, Katherine has been a key member of trial teams representing a broad spectrum of clients, including those in banking, accounting, and filmmaking, in disputes over allegations of breach of contract, RICO violations, breach of fiduciary duty, Medicaid fraud, personal injury, defamation, medical malpractice, and other claims.

During her federal clerkships—first with U.S. District Judge Jorge Solis and then with U.S. District Judge Sam Lindsay—Katherine gained an insider's perspective of the workings of the federal court system, helping to oversee the courts' dockets, conducting legal research, and drafting opinions and orders for the judges' consideration.

A Dallas native, Katherine left Texas for her education and her first years of legal practice, but was inevitably drawn back home, where she has refined her litigation skills and continued to provide exceptional service to a wide array of clients.

Katherine's reputation for effective advocacy earned her selection to Texas Super Lawyers' list of "Texas Rising Stars" from 2013-2016. She is also active in Junior League of Dallas, serving in several of the civic group's leadership and governance positions. In addition, Katherine provides pro bono legal services as a volunteer with the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Representing a manufacturer/supplier regarding a multi-million dollar business interruption claim
- Represented battery supplier in a dispute regarding trade credit insurance
- Second-chaired a seven-day bench trial in which clients won a zero-liability verdict on deceptive-advertising claims brought by the Federal Trade Commission and assisted in successful defense of the judgment on appeal
- Second-chaired a weeklong jury trial in which electric utility client obtained a take-nothing verdict on private nuisance claims brought by homeowners
- Defended oil and gas company on tort claims for personal injuries and property damage allegedly relating to company's drilling and hydraulic fracturing practices
- Represented individual plaintiffs asserting employment claims, including claims for discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act
- Defended insurance company regarding an employment contract and retaliation claims
- Represented companies on issues relating to employment restrictive covenants

HONORS | ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected to the "Texas Rising Stars" list of outstanding young lawyers by Texas Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters), 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016
- Recipient of Outstanding Law Review Article Award from Texas Bar Foundation, 2015, as co-author of "A Guide to Properly Using and Responding to Requests for Admission Under the Texas Discovery Rules," 45 St. Mary's L.J. 655 (2014)

PROFESSIONAL | COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Junior League of Dallas
Member, 2007-present
Leadership Council, 2014-2015, 2017-2018
T. Boone Pickens Leadership Institute, 2011-2012
Bylaws Chair, 2017-2018
Assistant Bylaws Chair, 2016-2017
- Attorneys Serving the Community, Member
- Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Volunteer
- Jubilee Park & Community Center, Board of Directors, 2013-2014

EMPLOYMENT

Before joining Amy Stewart Law, Katherine handled a wide range of litigation at Dallas' Lillard Wise Szygenda. She also clerked for two U.S. District Judges in the Northern District of Texas, The Honorable Jorge Solis and The Honorable Sam Lindsay, and handled complex commercial litigation at the Dallas office of Fish & Richardson and D.C.'s Arnold & Porter.

EDUCATION

- J.D., New York University School of Law, 2001
- Moot Court Board, *NYU Moot Court Casebook*, Associate Casebook Editor, Prosecution Clinic, Manhattan District Attorney's Office
- B.A., Northwestern University, Political Science, 1998, *cum laude*, Departmental Honors

BAR | COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- New York State Bar
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern, Eastern, and Southern Districts of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

- The Honorable Jorge A. Solis, U.S. District Court, Northern District Of Texas, 2001-2002
- The Honorable Sam A. Lindsay, U.S. District Court, Northern District Of Texas, 2007-2010