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Jennie Knapp

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Profile



Jennie's clients are businesses and individuals who find themselves in a dispute or potential dispute, whether it be with an employee, contractor, client, relative, or business partner. Jennie sees her role as assisting in solving problems. Sometimes that means providing advice on avoiding an issue; other times it means hard-hitting litigation. In shaping legal arguments, she works to tell a client's story in a creative way to help a judge or jury best understand and present complicated "legalese" more simply. Whatever the situation, Jennie looks for the best resolution for the client so that they can focus on what matters to them – living good lives and keeping their businesses running and profitable.

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Jennie Knapp is a proud fourth generation Amarilloan, where she has learned the benefits of hard work, honesty, and loyalty, values that she extends to her practice. She and her husband, Nick, are proud to raise their son in the Texas Panhandle.

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Appellate Law
- Healthcare

Bar/Court Admissions

- [State Bar of Texas](#)
- [U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit](#)
- U.S. District Court for the [Northern](#), [Eastern](#), [Western](#) and [Southern](#) Districts of Texas
- U.S. Tax Court

Education

- [Baylor Law School](#)
 - J.D., Magna Cum Laude
 - Baylor Law Review, Senior Articles Editor
- [Texas A&M University](#)
 - B.A. Chemistry, B.A. History
 - Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society
- [Amarillo College](#)
 - A.A. in English
 - Top 20 Community College Student in the United States

Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas, Appellate Section, Council Member 2020-2023
- Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, Board of Trustees 2022-2025
- [Texas Association of Defense Counsel](#), West Texas Director
- Texas Bar Foundation Fellow
- [Amarillo Area Bar Association](#), President 2020-2021
- [Amarillo Area Women's Bar Association](#)
- Amarillo Museum of Art, President 2021-2022
- State Bar of Texas, Leadership SBOT 2016-2017

Experience

Litigation

- Won summary dismissal of civil rights claims brought against school district.
- Represented health care organizations in medical staff disputes.
- Successfully handled claims of breaches of non-competition agreements. Jennie has worked on many such claims and helped with briefing, argument, and negotiations in these high-stakes and rush-to-courthouse type lawsuits.
- Won bench trial on property damage claim brought against contractor.
- Represented national multi-million dollar corporation in various personal injury disputes around the country.
- Aided in jury trial representing client accused of civil rights violations, resulting in favorable jury verdict and take-nothing judgment.
- Represented hospital in multiple medical negligence cases to favorable results.
- Assisted in bench trial representing homeowners association in development dispute.
- Defended numerous product manufacturers in toxic tort litigation in various jurisdictions. Jennie oversaw dockets of hundreds of cases and managed day-to-day litigation issues.

Representative Appeals

- *2027 S. Austin Street, LLC v. LaTour Condominiums, Inc.*, 2021 WL 1032366 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2021).
- *BSA and Mooring v. Britton*, 2021 WL 537205 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2021).
- *Fulford v. Lowes*, 811 Fed. App'x 240 (5th Cir. 2020)
- *Martinez v. New Deal Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 802 Fed. App'x 98 (5th Cir. 2020).
- *Melvin v. Barr Roofing*, 86 Fed. App'x 301 (5th Cir. 2020).
- *Hunsaker v. Richardson*, 610 S.W.3d 151 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2020).
- *In re J&S Utilities, LLC*, 2020 WL 6883170 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2020).

- *In re Torres*, 2019 WL 3437758 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2019).
- *Skrastina v. Breckinridge-Taylor Design, Inc.*, 2018 WL 3078689 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2018).

Publications

Presentations

- Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Summer Meeting 2016.
- Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Annual Meeting 2015.
- Presenter, Texas Trade Secret Law, 2015.

Publications

- Author, *Texas Legislature Adds Protections for Employers*, 2013.
- Author, *Texas Supreme Court Holds Retaliation Is Health Care Liability Claim*, 2013.
- Co-Author, *Texas Survey of Professional Liability*, 63 SMU L. Rev. 729 (2010).
- Co-Author, *Texas Survey of Professional Liability*, 64 SMU L. Rev. 469 (2011).
- Faculty, *Dallas Bar Association Trial Academy – Evidence Module* (July 27, 2012).
- Jennie Knapp Presents with Justice Dennise Garcia at the State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Seminar
- The Texas Association of Defense Counsel Publishes Article Written by Jennie C. Knapp and Taylor C. Holley
- Underwood Shareholder Jennie Knapp Speaks to the Montgomery County Bar Association
- Underwood Shareholder Jennie Knapp Awarded the 2022 Texas Association of Defense Counsel President's Award
- Underwood Shareholder Jennie Knapp Submits an Amicus Brief on Behalf of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- Jennie Knapp Presents at the Texas State Bar Civil Appellate Practice 101 Course in Austin, TX
- Jennie Knapp Recently Named to the Board of Trustees for the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society
- Jennie C. Knapp Serves as Co-Chair at the Texas Association of Defense Counsel Summer Meeting
- Underwood Shareholder, Jennie Knapp is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Underwood Partners Slater C. Elza and Jennie Knapp Recently had their Article "The Duty to Present Properly Prepared Corporate Witnesses" Published in the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas

