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Kerri Stampes
Of Counsel

Profile



Kerri is a native of west Texas. Her practice primarily focuses on appellate law and includes the areas of commercial litigation, oil and gas litigation, products liability, professional liability, and premises liability. She assists in the defense of complex cases and has experience with cases involving large document productions.

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Following law school, Kerri was a briefing attorney for the Honorable James Moseley at the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas, Texas. During her time with the Court, she developed in-depth experience with appeals and appellate issues. She devotes a significant portion of her practice to appellate matters, including the drafting of post-trial motions and filings, the construction of appellate briefs, and the management of original proceedings such as writs of mandamus. She has briefed appeals filed in several intermediate Texas appellate courts, the Supreme Court of Texas, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Kerri is active in her local church where she sings in the choir and volunteers with the youth. She spends almost all of her free time caring for and training her horses. She and her husband Jarrett have two daughters, Adalynn and Lorelai.

Practice Areas

- Appellate Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Oil and Gas Litigation

Bar/Court Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2001
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2003
- 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 2007

Education

- Baylor University, BBA, 2000
- Baylor Law School, JD, 2001

Affiliations

- Member of Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity
- Member of Judge Abner V. McCall American Inn of Court, 2000-2001
- Member of Alpha Chi honor society

Experience

Briefed an appeal seeking to overturn the trial court's refusal to dismiss a health care liability claim against a hospital. The intermediate court of appeals reversed the trial court's decision and ordered the claims dismissed.

Briefed an appeal seeking to uphold the trial court's decision to grant summary judgment in a premises liability case against an oil company. The intermediate court of appeals upheld the summary judgment.

Briefed an appeal in both the intermediate court of appeals and the Texas Supreme Court defending a summary judgment on behalf of a seller of oil and gas properties against an indemnification claim. The judgement, including an award for attorneys' fees, was upheld by the Texas Supreme Court.

Assisted briefing an appeal and related petition for writ of mandamus in which a Catholic Diocese was sued by a former deacon for defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The Texas Supreme Court ordered a dismissal of the claims under the ecclesiastical abstention doctrine.

Briefed an appeal defending the trial court's decision to dismiss a case under the Texas Anti-SLAPP law brought by an employee of a medical examiner's office. The intermediate court of appeals upheld the trial court's decision in favor of the medical examiner's office.

Briefed an appeal seeking to overturn a trial court's refusal to dismiss a case under the Texas Anti-SLAPP law brought against a medical examiner's office. The intermediate court of appeals partially reversed the trial court's decision and dismissed some of the plaintiff's claims.

Obtained dismissals with an award of attorney's fees under the Texas Anti -SLAPP law (the Texas Citizens Participation Act) in suits filed against a hospital by a physician, in a counterclaim filed by a physician against a physicians' group, and a counterclaim against an attorney.

Obtained summary judgment for a church-owned financial services organization that manages retirement funds for missionaries and pastors in a multi-million-dollar case involving tortious interference with contract, fraud, conspiracy and lender liability claims arising out of a failed sale of working interests in oil and gas leases located in the Permian Basin.