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## Stephanie James

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### Profile



Stephanie James' practice consists of a wide variety of civil litigation, healthcare and employment matters. She represents clients in personal injury litigation, nonsubscriber litigation, healthcare litigation, commercial litigation (including contract disputes and deceptive trade practices claims), construction disputes, employment disputes, and general civil litigation.

Stephanie obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Texas Tech University and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Baylor Law School in 2013. Stephanie is an Amarillo native and attended Tascosa High School. Her husband, Ty, is a local high school athletic director and football coach. They have a son, Cannon, and a daughter, Harper.

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### Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Healthcare
- Employment
- Civil Rights

### Bar/Court Admissions

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

### Education

- [Baylor Law School](#)
  - J.D., magna cum laude
  - Dean's Honor List
  - Baylor Law Review Senior Articles Editor
  - Administrative Law Moot Court Team
  - Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team
- [Texas Tech University](#)
  - B.A., summa cum laude
  - Dean's Honor List
  - Highest Ranking Graduate

## Affiliations

- [Amarillo Area Bar Association](#), Director
- [Amarillo Area Women's Bar Association](#), Vice President
- [Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association](#), Member
- [Amarillo Art Institute](#), Board of Directors
- 2016 [Amarillo Top 20 Under 40 Business Professionals](#)
- [Association of Defense Trial Attorneys](#)
- 2018-2019 Class, [Leadership Amarillo & Canyon](#)
- [Opportunity School](#), Board of Directors
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Member
- Texas Health Care Association, Member

## Experience

- Selected as a "[Texas Super Lawyer](#)", Rising Stars - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Selected as a "[Best Lawyers](#)", Ones to Watch - 2023

### Representative matters include:

- Won summary dismissal of civil rights claims brought against police officer on appeal to Fifth Circuit
- Won arbitration of multi-million dollar non-subscriber claim with a no liability finding
- Represented numerous healthcare providers, including a healthcare transportation company, long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities, and hospitals in various non-subscriber, employment, contract, and medical negligence disputes around the State.
- Represented hospitals and long-term care facilities in numerous medical negligence (professional liability) cases to favorable results, including summary judgment
- Represented numerous employers on discrimination and/or wrongful termination claims to favorable results
- Defended numerous individuals and businesses on personal injury and/or premise liability claims to favorable results, including summary judgment

## Publications

### Publications

- "The Seven Deadly Sins of Legal Writing" – Underwood Law Firm Monthly Attorney Meeting, Amarillo, Texas – June 11, 2014
- Stephanie James Selected in the 2024 Texas Super Lawyers-Rising Stars
- Underwood Lawyers Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America, 2024 Edition

- Stephanie James Appointed to the Underwood Board of Directors
- Underwood Shareholder, Stephanie James Presents at the Texas Health Care Association Annual Meeting