# <u>UNDERWOOD</u>

Kerri Stampes crafts persuasive, logical, written arguments for her clients to put forth the best case possible.

Kerri Stampes has cultivated a comprehensive understanding of appeals and related issues through her experience as a briefing attorney at the Fifth District Court of Appeals in Dallas, Texas. A significant portion of her practice is devoted to appellate matters, which includes the preparation of post-trial motions and filings, the formulation of appellate briefs, and the administration of original proceedings such as writs of mandamus. She has written briefs for appeals in several Texas appellate courts, the Texas Supreme Court, and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Kerri feels passionately about appellate cases because she knows there are larger implications for Texas law with each appeal.

Her practice also includes the areas of commercial litigation, products liability, professional liability, and premises liability. She assists in the defense of complex cases involving large document productions. She has honed her gifts of researching, attention to detail and dissecting complicated legal documents to serve her clients.

#### **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.

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#### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Appellate Business & Corporate Healthcare

### **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**

J.D., Baylor Law School, 2001 B.B.A., Baylor University, 2000

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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 judgment, 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.

#### **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

#### **OUTSIDE THE OFFICE**

Kerri Stampes is active in her local church where she sings in the choir and is on the praise team. She spends her free time gardening and training her horses.