

Jennie Knapp is a problem solver who finds satisfaction in helping to shape the law through her appellate practice. She forms her clients' legal arguments in a way that clearly and effectively represents their interests by simplifying complex legal concepts.



Jennie Knapp is Board Certified in Civil Appeals by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Her appellate practice starts in the trial court, where she works to build records that support dispositive motions and provide valuable insight on important issues like preservation of error, burdens of proof, and standards of review. As an appellate attorney, her practice also involves passionately presenting each client's unique case to the court of appeals in written briefs and oral argument. She has represented clients in over fifty appeals in the Texas appellate courts and the Fifth Circuit.

In addition to her active law practice, Jennie serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society and is a past council member of the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section. She regularly speaks and writes on issues relevant to appellate practice. With each client she works with, her end goal remains the same: to find the best resolution for them so that they can focus on their businesses and lives.

## AFFILIATIONS

Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, Board of Trustees, 2022–2025  
State Bar of Texas, Appellate Section, Council Member, 2020–2023  
Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Co-Chair Legislative Committee, 2023; West Texas Director, 2020–2023; District 8 Director, 2018–2020; Young Lawyer Chair, 2017–2018  
Amarillo Museum of Art, President 2021–2022  
Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Amicus Committee Member  
Amarillo Area Bar Association, President, 2020–2021  
Amarillo Area Women's Bar Association

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## PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate

Litigation

## ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, 2009

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

J.D., Baylor Law School, *magna cum laude*, 2009

B.A. chemistry, B.A. history, Texas A&M University, 2005

A.A., Amarillo College, 2003



Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

Amarillo Symphony, Board of Trustees 2018–2019

American Cancer Society, Amarillo Advisory Committee Member 2013–2016

## RECOGNITIONS

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Board Certified– Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Texas Super Lawyers, by Thomas Reuters, 2023–2024

Texas Super Lawyers, by Thomas Reuters– Rising Stars, 2019

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, President’s Award, 2018 & 2022

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Young Lawyer Award, 2016

Amarillo Top 20 under 40, 2016

USA Today, Top 20 community college student in the United States, 2003

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

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“Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure: Amendments Past and Future,” Co-Presenter, UT Law CLE’s 35th Annual Conference (2025)

“The Psychology of Preparing the Difficult Witness,” Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Spring Meeting (2025)

“Exhaustion, Restatement, and Boxing-In,” Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Deposition Bootcamp (2024)

“Prickly Issues in Summary Judgement Practice,” Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Summer Meeting (2024)

Summary Judgement: “Appellate Considerations,” Author and Presenter, Texas State Bar Advanced Civil Trial (2024)

The Patterson Rule: “The Status of Employer’s Direct Liability,” Author and Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Spring Meeting (2024)

“How to Avoid Summary Judgment Pitfalls,” Co-Author, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Summer Magazine (2023)

“Actions You Can Take in the Trial Court While Appeal Is Pending,” Co-Author and Co-Presenter, Texas State Bar Advanced Civil Trial (2023)

"Summary Judgment Trips and Traps," Author and Presenter, State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial (2022) & Montgomery County Bar Association (2023)

Preparing for the TBLS Board-Certification Exam in Civil Appellate Law, Presenter, State Bar of Texas Civil Appellate Practice 101 (2022)

Texas Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, Faculty (2022)

"The Role of the Paralegal in Document Preservation and Litigation Holds," Co-Author, Texas Paralegal Journal, Vol. 26 No. 1 (Summer 2020)

"Document Preservation and Litigation Holds," Co-Author, IADC Transportation Committee Newsletter (2020)

Texas Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, Faculty, (2019)

"Settlement Agreement, Dos and Don'ts," Author and Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel (2016)

"How to Create a Miserable and Inept Associate," Presenter, Texas Association of Defense Counsel (2015)

Dallas Bar Association Trial Academy, Faculty – Evidence Module (2012)

"Texas Survey of Professional Responsibility," Co-Author, 64 SMU L. Rev. 469 (2011)

"Texas Survey of Professional Responsibility," Co-Author, 63 SMU L. Rev. 729 (2010)

## OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

Jennie Knapp and her husband, Nick, are proud to raise their two sons in the Texas Panhandle. In her spare time, Jennie enjoys gardening and canning.