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Overview

Morgan Menchaca is a skilled litigator known for her thoughtful advocacy and analytical, pragmatic approach to complex disputes. She represents clients in complex commercial litigation in state courts, federal courts, and arbitration tribunals across the country. Drawing on a background in high-stakes commercial litigation, business torts, and professional malpractice, she represents clients with a commitment to achieving practical, strategic results. She often secures early resolution of complex disputes. A graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College, Morgan brings both intellectual rigor and a client-focused perspective to her practice, earning recognition from peers for her emerging leadership in the legal profession.

Morgan began her legal career in private practice at Baker Botts, then served as judicial law clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht of the Texas Supreme Court. Prior to joining Scott Douglass & McConnico, she was a partner at Reid Collins & Tsai, where she practiced plaintiff-side complex commercial litigation and frequently represented bankruptcy trustees and receivers.

Experience

Morgan's experience includes the following representations:

Trial and Appellate Experience

- Trial counsel for U.S. travel technology company Expedia Group, Inc. in multiple actions in Florida and Delaware involving claims under the Helms-Burton Act for alleged trafficking in real property confiscated by the Cuban government.Morgan was part of the trial team that recently secured a complete defense verdict in one of the matters in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

- Representing an aluminum company in pursuing recovery against its insurers, including obtaining a reversal of the district court's dispositive summary judgment decision in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. After remand, the client ultimately obtained a $112 million jury verdict at trial.*

Bankruptcy Trustee Representation

- Representing the Chapter 7 Trustee of a publicly traded opioid pharmaceutical manufacturer in obtaining a $175 million judgment against its former outside directors in connection with widespread corporate misconduct surrounding the national opioid epidemic. Argued and won an affirmative summary judgment motion to claw back legal fees advanced to defend the company's former chairman and CEO after he was found guilty of a criminal RICO conspiracy.*
- Representing the litigation trustee of a publicly traded alternative asset and life settlement company in investigating and litigating fiduciary duty, fraudulent transfer, and professional negligence claims against former executives and outside professionals, securing more than $90 million in recoveries.*
- Representing the Chapter 7 trustee of a leading national reverse mortgage originator and servicer in investigating and asserting fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, fraudulent conveyance, and professional negligence claims against former executives and outside professionals, securing over $30 million in recoveries.*
- Representing the litigation trustee of an upstream oil and gas exploration and production company in pursuing breach of fiduciary duty claims against former corporate officers following the company's insolvency after a multibillion-dollar SPAC merger, achieving a $15 million settlement for estate creditors.*
- Representing the court-appointed SEC receiver for an oil-and-gas investment enterprise in investigating and asserting professional malpractice claims, obtaining a $12.5 million pre-suit recovery for defrauded retail investors.*
- Representing the Chapter 7 trustee of an international automotive parts manufacturer in prosecuting breach of fiduciary duty and corporate governance claims against the company's former chief executive officer and private equity sponsor, securing a $12 million recovery for estate creditors.*
- Representing wind down trustee of one of the largest Payment Protection Plan loan servicer after its bankruptcy in pursuing fraudulent transfer claims against the financial services company that acquired most of its assets in a spin off and pursuing breach of fiduciary duty and fraudulent transfer claims against its prior officers and shareholders.

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Representing a global prosthetics and medical device manufacturer in a $90 million professional malpractice action arising in connection with a corporate acquisition that the Federal Trade Commission required to be divested due to antitrust violations, resulting in a confidential pre-trial settlement.*
- Representing the administrative agent for senior secured lenders to a publicly traded healthcare system and surgical facility operator in asserting fraud and negligent misrepresentation claims against former executive officers, resolving favorably via confidential pre-trial settlement.*
- Representing the co-founder of a middle-market private equity firm in litigating business tort and breach of fiduciary duty claims against co-founders regarding the disputed deprivation of partnership equity, leading to a confidential pre-trial settlement.*

Other Select Representations

- Representing a former television broadcast network employee in civil claims against corporate executives and the parent media network alleging sexual abuse and the aiding and abetting of misconduct under New York's Adult Survivors Act, resulting in a confidential resolution.*
- Representing a widow denied life insurance proceeds after her husband's passing in pursuing breach of fiduciary duty claims against the life insurance company and her late husband's employer and breach , resulting in a confidential settlement.*

Selected Cases

- *JW Aluminum Co. v. ACE Am. Ins. Co.*, No. 24-1229, 2025 WL 753373 (4th Cir. Mar. 10, 2025)*
- *Herich v. Kapoor (In re Insys Therapeutics Inc.*), No. 19-11292 (JTD), 2024 WL 3618140, at *1 (D. Del. July 31, 2024)*
- *Avila, v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company*, No. 1:24-CV-0242-DAE, 2025 WL 1663104 (W.D. Tex. June 12, 2025)*

(*denotes experience prior to joining Scott, Douglass & McConnico L.L.P.)

Awards

Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch

Lawdragon, 500 X – The Next Generation

Benchmark Litigation, 40 and Under List – South

News & Insights

- SDM Expands Practice Depth with Addition of Five Attorneys
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Awards and Best Lawyers Ones to Watch® in America
- SDM Secures Complete Defense Verdict in latest Expedia Trial

Practice Areas

- Administrative Appeals of Audits & Refund Claims
- Appellate
- Business Litigation & Torts
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation
- Professional Malpractice, Licensing & Regulation
- Securities & Complex Financial Litigation
- State & Local Tax
- Tax Litigation in District Court & Court of Appeals

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., cum laude, 2016
  - Production Editor for the Harvard Journal of Law and Technology
- Harvard College, B.A. History, cum laude, 2010

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Courts for the Western and Southern Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Fifth Circuits
- United States Supreme Court