

Robyn Bigelow Hargrove

Robyn joined Scott, Douglass & McConnico in 2001 and has represented individuals, business entities, professionals, and government entities in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters since that time. Robyn has successfully defended a number of professional malpractice and professional sanctions cases, both in Texas and out of state. She has experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in fiduciary litigation, contract disputes, coverage litigation, business torts, and other complex commercial cases. She also defends products liability cases related to medical device and pharmaceutical products.

Robyn's practice emphasizes legal ethics, appellate representation, and trial court litigation involving complicated legal issues.

Recognitions & Awards

Order of the Coif, The University of Texas School of Law

Texas Law Review

Texas Super Lawyers – Rising Star, 2010

Representative Matters

Successfully defended appeal of final judgment in favor of law firm. Obtained appellate court ruling upholding trial court's sanctions order, judgment for unpaid attorney's fees, and dismissal of claims for breach of fiduciary duty as a matter of law.

Representation of manufacturer in federal multidistrict litigation involving pelvic mesh products. Managed motions practice for all MDL cases handled by the firm.

Along with Abe Kuczaj and Ryan Squires, represented



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RELATED PRACTICE AREAS:

- Appellate
- Business Torts
- Commercial Litigation
- Governmental Entity Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Litigation
- Pharmaceutical and Medical Device
- Professional Malpractice Defense
- Professional Malpractice,

hundreds of property owners in property damages claims arising out of the Bastrop County Complex Fire. Successfully handled interlocutory appeal of lawsuit, obtaining a favorable ruling for all clients on complex limitations issues related to the *American Pipe* tolling doctrine.

Representation of law firm in appeal of an order denying arbitration. Successfully obtained an appellate court judgment that the plaintiff's attempts to manipulate the judicial process resulted in a waiver of the right to arbitrate.

Co-representation of plaintiff in a section 1983 civil rights case. Obtained order denying the defendants' Rule 12(b)(6) motion and permitting expedited discovery of the identity of officers involved in the incident.

Representation of law firm against claims of fraud, malicious prosecution, section 1983 constitutional violations, and abuse of process. Obtained order dismissing all claims against firm as a matter of law.

Representation of political campaign against claims of alleged Election Code violations in a gubernatorial election.

Defended a Texas law firm against claims for sanctions arising from its representation of Mississippi silicosis clients in multi-district litigation. Obtained favorable rulings at the trial court and the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Bar Admissions & Activities

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, United States Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth and Eleventh Circuits

Member, Texas Bar Foundation, Travis County Bar Foundation, Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, Austin Bar Association, Austin Bar Association Civil Litigation Section, Austin Bar Association Civil Appellate Law Section



Barbara Jordan Chapter of American Inns of Court,
2016-present

Board, Austin Bar Association Civil Litigation Section,
2010-2013

Board, Travis County Women Lawyers' Association,
2010-2011

Lloyd Lochridge Chapter of American Inns of Court,
2010-2012

Pro bono representation of clients through Volunteer Legal
Services on an annual basis

Community and Charitable Organizations

Chancellor, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Austin,
Texas, 2011-present

Board Member, Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation,
from inception to present

Education

Duke University, 1996, B.A., with honors in Public Policy
Studies, minor in Spanish

University of Texas School of Law, 2001, J.D., with honors

Articles and Presentations

Co-Author with Kennon Wooten, *Permissive Interlocutory
Appeal and Mandamus: Picking Your Procedural Path
Prudently*, The Appellate Advocate, State Bar of Texas
Appellate Section Report (Vol. 30 No. 4, Winter 2018)

Panelist, American Bar Association Litigation Section
National Conference, *The Ethics of Lawyer-Client Fallout*,
April 2013

Co-presenter with Robert Tobey, *Legal Malpractice Avoidance*, at the 2012 Advanced Personal Injury Course, San Antonio, Texas

Co-author and presenter with Robert Tobey, *Malpractice Trends: An Update on Recent Developments in Texas Legal Malpractice and Ethics Law*, at the 2010 Advanced Civil Trial Course, Dallas, Texas

Co-author and presenter with Steve McConnico, *Recent Developments and Unresolved Issues in Texas Legal Malpractice Law*, Texas College for Judicial Studies, April 2010

Presentation on legal ethics issues related to collaborative law, given at the Austin Collaborative Divorce Professionals Alliance Master Class, April 2010

Presentation on litigating fiduciary duty claims, given to the Estate Planning and Probate Section of the Austin Bar, November 2009

Legal Malpractice: What's the Law and How to Prevent Committing Malpractice, Baylor University General Practice Institute, April 2012

Evaluating and Litigating Fiduciary Duty Claims, 2009 Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference

Malpractice for Litigators: An Update on Recent Developments in Texas Legal Malpractice and Ethics Law, 2009 State Bar Advanced Civil Trial Course

Unresolved Problems in Texas Legal Malpractice Law, 36 St. Mary's Law Journal 989 (2005)

Summary of Recent Developments in Texas Legal Malpractice Law, 33 St. Mary's Law Journal 607 (2002)

Selected Reported Cases



Hogg v. Lynch, Chappell & Alsup, P.C., 553 S.W.3d 55 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2018, no pet.)

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. v. Abshire, 517 S.W.3d 320 (Tex. App.—Austin 2017, no pet.)

Crisp v. Dutton, 2015 WL 7076483 (W.D. Tex. Nov. 12, 2015) (Lane, M.J., Report & Recommendation)

Hogg v. Lynch, Chappell & Alsup, P.C., 480 S.W.3d 767 (Texas App.—El Paso 2015, no pet.)

St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Petroplex Energy, Inc., 474 S.W.3d 454 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2015, pet. dism'd)

Choctaw, Inc. v. Campbell, Cherry, Harrison, Davis & Dove, 965 So.2d 1041 (Miss. 2007)

Goldman v. Bracewell & Giuliani, L.L.P., 183 Fed. Appx. 873 (11th Cir. 2006)