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*“Whatever your capacity for risk, I will take your contentious situations and create resolutions that meet your needs.”*

**Practice Areas**

Premises Liability • Professional Liability • Real Estate • Construction • Environmental/Toxic Tort Litigation

Kristen Blanford's practice is devoted to defending premises liability and malpractice claims filed against professionals and organizations in the retail, construction, insurance and real estate industries. She handles errors and omission claims for large and small insurance brokerages; represents wholesale and retail organizations; represents construction firms, contractors and manufacturers; and represents religious-based institutions in many capacities.

**Representative Experience**

- Obtained Summary Judgment for footwear retailer for lack of notice.
- Settled million dollar demand of a design/premises case for .03% of the total resolution amount.
- Handled fast-food restaurant class action and resolved all claims and wrongful death allegation for a minimal amount.
- Favorably resolved a multi-million dollar default judgment against a third party administrator and subsequent bad faith suit for significantly less than the cost of defense.
- Obtained many defense verdicts, for insurer, in low-impact collisions, where the Plaintiff's alleged damages were fraudulently high and Defendant's liability certain.
- Represented insurance broker in professional liability claim and settled for less than cost of defense.
- Defended homebuilder's construction company against homeowner's frivolous construction defect suit and obtained summary judgment.
- Mediated to resolution an independent school district's construction defect suit against subcontractor.
- Obtained Summary Judgment for building inspector blamed for construction defects.

### **Bar Admissions**

- State Bar of Texas, 1996
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

### **Education**

- Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Texas at Austin, 1990
- Juris Doctor Degree from St. Mary's University of San Antonio School of Law, 1996

### **Awards and Recognition**

- "Texas Rising Star" - *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics Magazine*, 2005 - 2007

### **Publications & Presentations**

- Co-Presenter, "Texas Premises Liability," Continuing Education for Costco Employees, Oak Brook, Illinois, June 30, 2009
- Author and speaker, "Safety Tips on A Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse," Church Mutual Insurance Company, 2008

### **Memberships**

- Dallas Bar Association
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Council on Litigation Management

### **Personal**

Kristen was born in Austin, Texas.