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“The practice of law is not just about cases – it’s about people and relationships. I am very competitive and I fight hard for my clients, but I do so in a professional manner and with integrity.”

Practice Areas

Environmental/Toxic Tort • Products Liability • Construction • Commercial Litigation

Jennifer Edgeworth's practice is primarily devoted to environmental litigation, products liability, construction, and commercial litigation.

Representative Experience

- Represented a solid waste disposal company and obtained complete dismissal of a lawsuit involving allegations of CERCLA violations and perchloroethylene contamination.
- Defended an oil company against allegations by independent contractors of hydrogen sulfide exposure.
- Defended pipeline operator against allegations by independent contractor of benzene exposure.
- Obtained a jury verdict for plaintiff homeowners against a general contractor and subcontractor for the negligent installation of the homeowner's fireplace and insulation. The defendants' negligence and violation of the applicable building code caused a devastating fire and property damage.
- Represented a marina owner in a case involving the collapse of floating docks that caused over one million dollars in property damage, and defeated a motion for summary judgment filed by the defendant manufacturer of the docks on the issues of statute of repose and the economic loss doctrine. The marina owner ultimately received a favorable settlement.
- Obtained numerous settlements on behalf of insurers and homeowners in cases involving claims of mold damage and construction defects.
- Experienced in commercial litigation claims involving fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and negligent misrepresentation.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment and dismissal of lawsuit on behalf of retailer and supplier of a paintball marker in a case involving allegations that the paintball marker resulted in plaintiff's blindness in one eye.

Certifications

- Environmental Risk Management (ERM)

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1999
- Northern District of Texas
- Southern District of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Education

- Bachelor of Business Administration, *cum laude*, from Texas Christian University (TCU), 1996
- Masters of Business Administration from Baylor University, 1999
- Juris Doctor Degree from Baylor University, 1999

Awards & Recognitions

- Outstanding Young Dallasite, Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce, 2010
- Outstanding Young Professional of 2009, Awarded by TCU's Alumni Association
- "Texas Rising Star" - *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics*, 2007 and 2009
- "Dallas' Best Lawyers under 40" - *D Magazine*, 2006
- TCU's Distinguished Student of the Year, 1996
- Best Oral Advocate, American College of Trial Lawyers Moot Court Competition
- First Place in Region, American Trial Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition
- Member of Baylor's National Moot Court and Mock Trial Teams

Publications & Presentations

- Presenter, "Highlights of Key Cases and Defense Strategies that Work," Chartis, October 21, 2010
- Speaker, "The Economy's Effect on Litigation in the Courtroom and Boardroom," Council on Litigation Management, Arlington, Texas, May 2010
- Speaker, "How to Value a Case," Council on Litigation Management, National Conference, Ponte Vedra, Florida, 2010
- Speaker, "Ethics Jeopardy," Council on Litigation Management, National Conference, Ponte Vedra, Florida, 2010
- Author and Presenter, "Environmental Regulations for Architects and Landscape Architects," Half Moon Seminars, 2009
- Speaker, "Litigation 101," Council on Litigation Management, 2009
- Speaker, "Economics of Litigation Management," Council on Litigation Management, 2008
- Author and presenter, "Beyond the Fines: Not-so-Civil Penalties and Other Legal Pitfalls in Dangerous Goods Transportation," 30th Annual Conference of the Dangerous Goods Advisory Counsel, 2008
- Co-author and presenter, "Jury Selection," Hermes Sargent Bates, 2008

- Speaker and co-author, "Products Liability Law in Texas," America First Insurance Company, 2008
- Author and presenter, "Making Discovery Work for You in Texas," Lorman Education Services Seminar, 2006
- Author and presenter, "No Time for Overtime: An Update on the Fair Labor Standards Act," Hermes Sargent Bates Employment Law Conference, 2005
- Speaker and Co-Author, "The Residential Construction Liability Act and How it Affects Mold Claims," Allstate Insurance Company, 2003
- Speaker and Author, "You Can't Always Get What You Want: Objecting and Responding to Discovery Requests for Production and Interrogatories," Dallas Paralegal Association, 2003

Memberships

- Council on Litigation Management, State Chair, 2009-2010
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, President, 2010; Vice President, 2008; Treasurer 2007
- Foundation of Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Chair 2008
- American Bar Association: Chair of the Environment, Energy, and Resource Committee, Young Lawyer Division, 2008-2009
- Dangerous Goods Advisory Council
- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- Diversity Committee, Hermes Sargent Bates

Community Service

- Volunteer at Our Friend's Place as a mentor for young women
- Our Friends Place, Board of Directors; Chairperson, Nominating Committee, 2007
- TCU National Alumni Board, Board of Directors 2008-2009
- Executive Alumni Board, TCU's Neeley School of Business, 2007-2009, Vice President of Communications, 2007-2008
- TCU Clark Society, Board of Directors, 2005-2006
- Freedom Run, Sponsorship Chairwoman, 2006, 2007
- Junior League of Dallas
- Voices for Children, Table Captain for the Breakfast benefiting the Child Abuse Prevention Center, 2006
- Education is Freedom, Co-Chairperson of fundraising luncheon

Pro Bono

- The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program

Personal

Jennifer was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on August 15 and enjoys cycling and traveling.