

Jennifer J. Spencer



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As a litigator, Jennifer Spencer is known for an aggressive, organized, “no holds barred” approach. After achieving success in the case and having the other side “on their heels,” she often finds a resolution that makes sense for the overall business strategy of her clients. As both an experienced trial lawyer and a CPA, Ms. Spencer brings a pragmatic business perspective to her clients. Ms. Spencer’s understanding of complex financial issues assists clients in achieving strategic business objectives during high-stakes disputes and litigation. Her extensive commercial and products liability litigation casework has included representation of national banks, mortgage companies, technology and pharmaceutical companies and industrial manufacturers.

Accomplished in handling large dockets of cases and multimillion dollar matters, Ms. Spencer is known as a lawyer who gets results. An aggressive advocate for her clients, she has supervised complex cases in a cost effective manner, while personally handling the strategy, court appearances, depositions and other critical activities. Ms. Spencer has successfully tackled commercial cases on all financial issues, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. She has protected her clients’ trade secrets and defended products liability claims ranging from propane tank explosions to pharmaceutical cases. Ms. Spencer is also highly regarded for her expertise in e-discovery--an increasingly important area for gaining a competitive edge during litigation.

Practice Areas

- › Business and Complex Commercial Litigation
- › Products Liability, including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices.
- › Class Actions
- › Electronic Discovery and Information Management

Industries

- › Banking and Finance
- › Mortgage
- › Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices
- › Consumer Products
- › Telecommunications
- › Software Development

Representative Experience

- › Represents national banks, including in consumer litigation matters
- › Represents mortgage companies, including in subprime matters
- › Represented publicly-traded equipment manufacturer in jury trial of \$27,000,000 trade secret, defamation and antitrust case
- › Represented several large companies in disputes with former employees including theft of trade secrets

- › Represented large telecommunications company in lawsuits ranging from breach of contracts to unfair competition to collections
- › Defended propane tank manufacturer in several explosion lawsuits
- › Defended pharmaceutical companies in commercial and products liability cases
- › Defended clients in alleged securities fraud lawsuits
- › Represented technology company in \$3 million dispute with supplier
- › Defended pharmaceutical company in claim for injury to fetus arising from clinical trial
- › Substantial Gramm Leach Bliley experience
- › Conducted large scale side-by-side live comparison of e-discovery review platforms

Education

J.D. University of Texas at Austin (honors, Order of the Coif), 1987

BBA, Texas A&M University (*summa cum laude*), 1984

Certified Public Accountant license, 1987

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Western and Southern Districts of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, for the Fifth Circuit Court

All Texas courts

Awards & Recognitions

D Magazine "Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40"

Martindale-Hubbell AV[®] Peer Review Rated

"*Texas Super Lawyer*" (*Texas Monthly magazine*, 2009)

Publications & Presentations

- › "*Getting Ahead of the Game: Planning for E-Discovery Before Litigation Happens*" 2008
- › "*Litigation Risks and New Developments*", Entrepreneurial Women Presidents of Dallas in 2006
- › "*Class Actions - Recent Developments and Mechanics*", Texas Association of Defense Counsel, speaker and author
- › "*Mass Torts - Class Action Suits*", Advanced Litigation Course for State Bar of Texas, speaker and author
- › "*Litigation Risks in Banking*", Approaching 2000 Banking Seminar
- › "*Depth of Experience. Trusted. A Unique Advantage*" The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, September 2008
- › "*Secure Your Clients' Data*", Scotsman Guide 2008
- › "*E-Discovery and ESI Management*", Computer Technology Review 2009
- › "*Are You Prepared for a Data Privacy Lawsuit*", Enterprise Management Quarterly, 2009
- › "*E-Discovery Software Can Help You Manage Litigation Costs*", Scotsman Guide, 2009
- › "*Risky Business: Top Ten Legal Risks Facing Small Business owners*", presentation to Women's Business Council, 2009
- › "*An Employer's Guide to Protecting Intellectual Property*", Spencer Crain CLE Seminar, 2009

Professional Affiliations

- › American Bar Association - Litigation Section
- › State Bar of Texas - Litigation Section

- › Dallas Bar Association – Business Litigation Section
- › Dallas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- › Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Member (licensed 1987)

Previous Law Firm Experience

- › Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, Partner
- › Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP, Partner
- › Johnson & Gibbs, PC, Associate and Income Shareholder

Civic & Community Involvement

Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas

- › Board of Directors
- › Gold Award Committee
- › HR Committee Chair

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