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Innovative and conscientious attorney offering a diverse background in legal management with a focus on product liability actions for over 25 years. Significant experience in identifying and managing risk, litigation, management, negotiation, while solving critical legal issues for clients.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, Dallas, Texas

April 2022 – present

Partner in national litigation firm specializing in products liability and other civil litigation focused on toxic torts, personal injury, employment, and legislative initiatives for national corporations. Coordinate national litigation plan and administrative litigation for clients including premises defendants, automotive parts and equipment manufacturers. Mediator in all facets of litigation specializing in personal injury claims.

Hawkins, Parnell & Young, LLP, Dallas, Texas

August 2019 – April 2022

Partner in national litigation firm specializing in products liability and other litigation focused on toxic torts, personal injury litigation, employment, and legislative initiatives for national corporations. Coordinate national litigation plan and administrative litigation for clients including manufacturer for component parts of industrial related construction equipment, automotive parts and equipment manufacturer.

Beard, Kultgen, Brophy, Bostwick & Dickson, Dallas, Texas

January 2018 – August 2019

Of Counsel for a boutique litigation firm based in Waco, Texas. Responsible for defense of litigation of professional malpractice claims and continued responsibility for products liability and personal injury claims for national client base. Responsible for all facets of litigation from filing through trial.

Bailey, Crowe, Kugler & Arnold, LLC, Dallas, Texas

September 2001-December 2017

Founding partner in boutique litigation firm specializing in products liability, toxic torts, personal injury and general litigation. Responsible for all facets of the defense of complex multi-party suits, including depositions, fact and expert discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation in tort and commercial context. Negotiated settlements in 1000's of cases on a national level. Coordinated litigation for several clients in multiple jurisdictions. Implemented and coordinated discovery and the management of active trial dockets for several clients. Served as an intermediary and performed lobbyist work at the Texas legislature during several sessions. Served on steering committee for asbestos litigation for the State of Texas for the last 10 years.

Dehay & Elliston, LLP, Dallas, Texas

September 1992-September 2001

First female equity partner in litigation firm specializing in products liability, coverage, labor and employment disputes, legal malpractice, and general litigation. Served as firm hiring partner and on management committee. Actively involved in all facets of litigation, including discovery, court appearances, mediations, pre-trial and trial.

Law Offices of Earl Luna, PC, Dallas, Texas

September 1991-September 1992

Attorney specializing in representation of school districts in litigation and before the Texas Education Administrative Agency as well as local school board hearings.

EDUCATION

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana JD 1991
Cum laude
Active in Student Bar Association; Secretary for two terms

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana BS 1988
Honors Division
BS in Business concentration in Marketing; Minor in Sociology

ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Licensed State Bar of Texas 1991, Oklahoma 2023
Women in the Law State Bar of Texas, Council Member 2020-present, Parliamentarian (2020) Treasurer
(2021 – present)
Admitted to Practice F; Northern, Eastern Western and Southern District of Texas
Liaison Steering Committee Texas MDL Asbestos Litigation 1994-present
Defense Research Institute
National Association of Women Lawyers
Dallas Bar Association
Trained mediator
AV rating Martindale-Hubbell
Speaker and lecturer various CLE accredited courses and seminars
National Charity League; Past Board Member
La Fiesta: Past Guild Board Member
Volunteer Bosque Arts Center, Clifton, Texas