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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Director and Officer

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State Courts: Texas, Arkansas
- U.S. District Court: Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; District of Colorado

EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut School of Law, LL.M in Insurance Law, January 2017
- Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005
- Otterbein College, B.A., 1994

Licensed in Texas, Arkansas, and the District of Colorado, Jennifer has over twenty-years' experience in the insurance industry.

As a litigator, Jennifer's practice is focused on first-party property insurance coverage disputes resulting from catastrophic losses such as hail, wind, ice, water damage, collapse, fire, and explosion.

As an insurance agent and risk manager, Jennifer specialized in large commercial property accounts, including property management companies, rural electrical cooperatives and publicly-traded corporations.

Jennifer's unique and specialized knowledge of property insurance risks from the perspective of both a lawyer and insurance-industry insider allows her to effectively resolve complex disputes on a cost-effective basis for her clients.

Through talent combined with effort, Jennifer has become an expert and go-to lawyer for her clients in the field of property insurance law. To that end, in 2017 Jennifer received an L.L.M. in Insurance Law from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and was awarded the CALI Award for Excellence in both Property Insurance and General Liability Insurance courses.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**First-Party Insurance Coverage**

Obtained a zero dollar appraisal award for insurers regarding claims involving equipment breakdown coverage.

Represented a commercial property insurer in a multi-million dollar property hail loss involving a large convention center hotel. Case resolved immediately after jury selection.

Represented a commercial property insurer in a multi-million dollar collapse claim resulting from a December 2013 ice storm.

Represented a commercial property insurer in an interpleader action involving insurance proceeds from fire loss.

Represented a commercial property insurer in post-appraisal dispute involving

application of coinsurance penalty.

Represented a commercial property insurer in a dispute involving hail damage to SPF roofing and application of ordinance or law coverage.

Represented a commercial property insurer in dispute involving challenge to insured's designated appraiser, George Keys.

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

"Vague Contract Terms Do Not Always Mean the Insurer Loses," *Insurance Law360*, September 30, 2019, author

"Insuretech: The Next Frontier for Property Insurance," American Bar Association Property Insurance Law Committee Spring Conference, May 10, 2019, co-presenter

"How to Identify and Deal with Narcissists in Law," *Law360*, May 2, 2019, author

"Lawyer Burnout," Locke Lord, Dallas, TX, April 11, 2019, presenter

"What Lawyers Can Do to Prevent and Combat Burnout," *Law360*, January 31, 2019, author

"Mindfulness in the Law," The Women in Law & Leadership Summit, Houston, TX, October 3, 2018, roundtable moderator

"Texas Case Shows Clarity is Key in the Appraisal Process," *Texas Law360*, July 5, 2018, co-author

"Insurtech is the Next Frontier for Texas Insurance," *Texas Law360*, March 12, 2018, co-author

"She Drives Me Crazy and I Can Help Myself," Property Insurance Law Committee (PILC) Spring CLE Meeting hosted by the American Bar Association, Nashville, TN, March 1-3, 2018, panelist

"The Enneagram and the Practice of Law," *Law360*, January 3, 2018, author

"A Look Back at Texas Insurance Law in 2017," *Texas Law360*, December 21, 2017, author

"Hurricane Harvey and Concurrent Causation in Louisiana," *Insurance Law360*, September 1, 2017, author

"Spiral Dynamics and the Vanishing Jury Trial," *Law360*, July 7, 2017, author

"Insurance Takeaways From Texas' New Hailstorm Bill," *Texas Law360*, May 17, 2017, author

"The Mediator's Proposal: Know When to Walk Away, and Know When to Run," *TIPS Property Insurance Law Committee Newsletter*, Spring 2017, author

"Lawyers in Flow: Get out of your Head and into your Case," *Law360*, April 14, 2017, author

"The Name Game: Ensuring Interested Parties are Protected," Property Insurance Law Committee (PILC) Spring CLE Meeting hosted by the American Bar Association, Orlando, FL, April 6-8, 2017, panelist

"Global Hail: Kenya," *CAT-Law Navigator*, February 28, 2017, co-author

"Saving Lawyers 1 Less Drink at a Time - The Not-So-Obvious Link Between Alcohol and Anxiety," *Law360*, February 13, 2017, author

"Global Hail: Australia," *CAT-Law Navigator*, January 26, 2017, co-author

"Saving the Lawyers One Breath at a Time: Mindfulness in the Law," *Law360*, January 12, 2017, author

"Global Hail: China," *CAT-Law Navigator*, December 29, 2016, co-author

"Global Hail: India," *CAT-Law Navigator*, November 11, 2016, co-author

"Global Hail," *CAT-Law Navigator*, September 13, 2016, author

"Texas Says 'No Way' to One Way's Hail Damage Claim," *Texas Law360*, September 28, 2016, author

"Hurricane Katrina and Wind v. Flood Coverage," TIPS Property Insurance Law Committee Annual Spring CLE Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, April 8, 2016, co-presenter

"Cyber Risks and Insurance in the Marine Industry," *Insurance Law360*, March 14, 2016, author

"Texas Tornadoes: Why Risk Mitigation Matters," *Texas Law360*, March 4, 2016, author

"The Argument for Utmost Good Faith in Property Insurance," *Texas Law360*, December 10, 2015, author

"The Wild West of Improper Joinder in North Texas," *Texas Law360*, August 17, 2015, author

"Don't Mess With Texas Adjusters In Hail Damage Claims," *Texas Law360*, February 6, 2015, author

"Texas High Court Doesn't Take Fishing Expedition Bait," *Texas Law360*, December 2, 2014, co-author

"Property Insurance May Mitigate Ebola-Related Losses," *Insurance Law360*, November 3, 2014, author

"Surplus Lines Insurance in Texas: A Dark Horse," *Texas Law360*, March 9, 2014, co-author

"Herculean Metaphors, Other Peculiarities Of *Heller v. ACE*," *Texas Law360*, January 7, 2014, author

"Scope Of Appraisal Continues To Be Problematic In Texas," *Texas Law360*, November 6, 2013, author

"Baseless Claims In Texas Now Have Financial Consequences," *Texas Law360*, September 30, 2013, author

"Mediation Opening Statements: You Gotta Know When To Hold 'Em, Know When To Fold 'Em," *TIPS Property Insurance Law Committee Fall 2013 Newsletter*, Fall 2013, co-author

“Harmonizing Collapse Coverage,” ABA TIPS Property Insurance Law Committee 2013 Spring Meeting, co-author and presenter

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Texas

Dallas Bar Association

American Bar Association

Dallas Women Lawyers Association

Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program

PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, 2005-2006