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Heather Beam's practice focuses on civil litigation in multiple areas, including construction law, professional liability, personal injury, products liability, and insurance defense. She has successfully represented general contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, and medical professionals in complex litigation in both state and federal court. Heather also has experience negotiating claims in order to help her clients avoid litigation.

Prior to moving to Texas, Heather practiced as an attorney in North Carolina for seven years. She prides herself on keeping her clients informed as a case develops. By actively communicating with her clients at each step of the litigation process, she is able to fine tune her approach so that she is constantly focusing on the best interests of her clients.

In addition to her regular practice, Heather enjoys volunteering her time weekly by providing free legal advice to victims of domestic violence. She is also an active member of several professional organizations in Travis County, and enjoys speaking on issues that face contractors, subcontractors, and design professionals.

Representative Experience

- Authored motion which resulted in partial judgment on the pleadings for subcontractor in construction defect action
- Obtained summary judgment for a hospital in a medical malpractice action, which was subsequently affirmed by the North Carolina Court of Appeals in *Gause v. New Hanover Reg'l Med. Ctr.*, 795 S.E.2d 411 (2016).
- Obtained summary judgment for defendant-parent in a personal injury action arising out of child allegedly injuring the plaintiff with a BB gun
- Obtained summary judgment for defendant arising out of a bicycle-vehicle accident
- *Anderson-Jenkins Signature Homes, Ltd. v. Allen*, 2018 WL 6331135 (Tex.App.—San Antonio Dec. 5, 2018, no pet.) (holding that trial court abused

Services & Industries

- Professional Liability
- Construction

its discretion in denying Anderson-Jenkins' motion to compel arbitration)

- *Bruns v. North Carolina Farm Bureau Mut. Ins. Co., Inc.*, 2014 WL 2993995 (N.C. Ct. App. 2014) (vacating summary judgment in breach of contract claim)
- *Metts v. New Hanover Reg'l Med. Ctr.*, 2012 WL 2896158 (N.C. Ct. App. 2012) (affirming dismissal of hospital in lawsuit involving claim of assault arising out of medical treatment)

Education

- Campbell University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2010)
 - ABA National Moot Court Team
 - Law Review Comments Editor
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.A., 2006)
 - Political Science and Psychology

Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2017
- North Carolina, 2010

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of North Carolina
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Professional and Community Activities

- Austin Bar Association, Construction Section
- Austin Young Lawyers Association
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association
- Texas Advocacy Project, Volunteer Legal Line Attorney
- North Carolina Judicial District 3B Bar, Vice President 2017, Secretary/Treasurer 2016
- Craven County Bar Association, President 2014-2015, Secretary/Treasurer 2013-2014

Speeches and Presentations

- *Watch Your Spec: Risk Management for Delegated Design*, Austin Chapter of the Construction Specifiers Institute, May 12, 2021
- *Construction Litigation & Minimizing Liability Exposure*, Legal Issues for Texas Civil Engineers Seminar, December 19, 2018

Professional Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* list
 - Construction Law, 2022
- Texas Super Lawyers - *Rising Star* list, a Thompson Reuters Business, 2021
- *Austin Monthly* Austin Top Attorney
 - Construction, 2020
- Spotlight Volunteer with Texas Advocacy Project, May 2019