



## Jessica J. Childs

Partner

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Jessica focuses her litigation practice on defending premises liability, products liability, construction defect, mass tort, and general negligence cases. She handles these cases from claim onset, assisting in pre-suit investigations, through trial with an eye on obtaining the best, and most cost effective, result for her clients. Jessica understands that not every Dram Shop, trucking, construction litigation, premises liability or personal injury case is the same and that each deserves a unique and tailored approach.

Jessica represents product manufacturers, sellers, and designers; homeowners; real estate agents and brokers; commercial and residential premises owners and managers; bars and restaurants; ranch owners; and other business entities in cases involving minor to catastrophic injuries; property damage; claims of fraud and misrepresentation; and deceptive trade practices. Jessica also advises insurers on the enforceability of various contractual provisions, including indemnity and limitation of liability provisions. Jessica also defends assisted living facilities in COVID-19 exposure claims and lawsuits.

Jessica has successfully tried cases to verdict. From triple fatality dram shop to severe injury products liability to traumatic brain injury cases, she tried or assisted in trying each with the vigor necessary to obtain the best outcome for her client. Jessica has also obtained dismissals through summary judgments in courts throughout Texas. And, understanding that not every case is one to be tried or thoroughly litigated, Jessica has obtained favorable settlements for clients early in cases where warranted.

### Representative Experience

Obtained summary judgments in various counties throughout Texas on punitive damage claims

Obtained voluntary dismissal for construction company in a case alleging severe injuries

Obtained voluntary dismissal and indemnification for trailer distributor in a products liability case

Obtained summary judgment in Tarrant County for premises owner in a case alleging severe property damage and personal injuries

Obtained summary judgment in Dallas County for two premises owners in cases alleging violations of building codes and other dangerous conditions

Obtained dismissal in Tarrant County based on lack of jurisdiction for large hotel and casino

Obtained a defense verdict from a jury in Tarrant County in favor of a country club in a triple fatality dram shop lawsuit

Obtained defense verdict from a jury in Hill County in favor of a large machinery designer and manufacturer where the plaintiff was severely injured and brought claims of manufacturing, design, and marketing defects

Obtained summary judgment for upscale residential premises owner in property damage action in Dallas County involving claims of fraud and negligent hiring and retention

Obtained defense verdict for movie theater owner and operator in Tarrant County in an action involving claims of food poisoning and personal injury

Obtained defense verdict for pest control company in an action involving claims of fraud and violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act

Obtained summary judgment in Dallas County for a homeowner in a construction site accident case

Obtained a summary judgment in Tarrant County for a business owner in a case involving allegations of environmental hazards and nuisances

In clear liability case with allegations of traumatic brain injury, obtained verdict with minimal damages in favor of concrete subcontractor

Obtained summary judgment for car dealership in Collin County in premises liability case

## **Related Services**

Construction

Discovery

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Health Care

Products Liability & Mass Torts

## **Publications & Speaking Engagements**

Medical Liability Potholes

January 2021

Construction Defect: Liability for Defects and Failures

July 2018

Landowner's Liability for Criminal Acts of Third Parties

May 2014

Overview of Landowner/Occupier Liability for Foreseeable Criminal Acts

September 2011

Update on H.B. 274 - All Bark and No Bite?

September 2011

## **Education, Admissions & Activities**

### **EDUCATION**

Texas Tech University School of Law

J.D., magna cum laude, 2007

Law Review Staff Member and Articles Editor

Regent Scholar 2005-2007

The University of Texas at Austin

B.A., 2004

Government and Spanish

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Texas

2007

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western

### **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation

LANGUAGES

Spanish