



## **Christina Anne Culver**

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Christina Culver represents clients in insurance coverage matters. She provides guidance for coverage and bad faith disputes through each phase of resolution, including pre-litigation coverage analysis, strategic discovery, motion practice, alternative dispute resolution, trial strategy, and the appellate process. Her practice focuses on complex, multi-party insurance coverage litigation and bad faith litigation concerning general liability, environmental, commercial property coverage, construction, professional liability, travel, and accident and health coverage.

Christy is licensed in Texas and Louisiana, and handles coverage litigation in jurisdictions across the United States. Christy is recognized as a Super Lawyer – Rising Star in Texas and Louisiana, The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch for Insurance, and Chambers USA “Up and Coming” for Texas Insurance. In 2022, she was elected to the Council for the Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas for a two-year term.

### **Representative Experience**

Obtained favorable order in the Southern District of Texas holding that an insurer has no duty to indemnify underlying bodily injury claims arising out of benzene based on a pollution exclusion.

Obtained grant of application for supervisory writ before Louisiana First Circuit court of Appeal and reversal of trial court’s denial of insurer’s summary judgment motion on weapons exclusion and assault & battery exclusion.

*Terry J. LeBlanc v. Zaina & Tejan, Inc., et al.*, 2021 WL 1884837, 2021-0170 (La.App. 1 Cir. 5/11/21)

Obtained favorable opinion from Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal regarding reversal of trial court’s denial of insurer’s summary judgment concerning the duty to indemnify as premature.

*Hoffpauir v. Cajundome, et al.*, 2021 WL 1558561, 2020-423 (La.App. 3 Cir. 4/21/21)

Obtained reversal of an order granting class certification for claims arising out of an explosion at a weapons demilitarization plant and the subsequent recommended evacuation of an area around the plant.

Reeves v. Explo Systems, Inc., 293 SO.2d 119 (La. App. 2 Cir. 2020)

Obtained dismissal of Chinese Drywall product defect suit in Louisiana based upon Peremptory Exception of Peremption.

Obtained summary judgment in favor of insurer on multiple environmental property claims and bodily injury claims in the Western District of Louisiana.

Obtained favorable opinion, in construction defect case, by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal of Louisiana reversing trial court's judgment granting motion for new trial and reinstating an order of dismissal on the grounds of abandonment.

Cambrie Celeste, LLC v. F.I.N.S. Construction, LLC, et al., 2018 WL 4623355, --- So.3d ---, 2018-0459 (La. App. 4 Cir. 9/26/18), writ denied, 2019 WL 277703 (Mem), ---So.3d ---, 2018-1863 (La. 1/14/19)

Obtained partial summary judgment, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, dismissing claim against insurer for pre-tender defense costs, and third-party's claim for breach of the insurance policy because the third-party lacked standing.

## Awards & Recognition

### THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA: ONES TO WATCH

Listed for Insurance Law

2022

### LOUISIANA SUPER LAWYERS - RISING STAR

Listed for Insurance Law

2020-2022

### TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS - RISING STAR

Listed for Insurance Law

2019-2022

### CHAMBERS USA

Up-and-Coming Ranking

2021-2022

### TEXAS MONTHLY

Top Women Attorneys list

2021

### ST. CHARLES AVENUE MAGAZINE, TOP ATTORNEYS IN NEW ORLEANS AREA

Listed for Insurance Law - Rising Star

2020-2021

HOUSTONIA MAGAZINE, TOP LAWYER

Listed for Insurance Law

2019-2020

## **Related Services**

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Insurance

## **Publications & Speaking Engagements**

The Attorney-Client Privilege: Practical Tips for Claims Handling and to Avoid Bad Faith

ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar

March 2022

Texas Law and the Restatement of the Law of Liability Insurance: An Initial Comparison of Blackletter

Principles

May 1, 2019

The Burden to Allocate Settlement Funds

Jan 17, 2018

Hurricane Harvey's Aftermath: Anticipated Coverage Issues Following Natural Disasters

Nov 20, 2017

Potential Conflicts in the Tripartite Relationship: The Use of Billing Guidelines and the Right to

Independent Counsel

Aug 29, 2014

## **Education, Admissions & Activities**

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law

J.D., cum laude, 2011

The University of Texas at Austin

B.A., 2007

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana

2015

Texas

2011

## COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western

United States District Court of Louisiana

Eastern, Western, and Middle

United States Bankruptcy Court

Northern District of Texas

United States District Court of New Mexico

United States Court of Appeals

Fifth Circuit

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Regional Chair for Region 7; Greater Houston Chapter, Vice President (2018–present)

State Bar of Texas

Insurance Law Section Council Member, 2022

Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel

Allstate Staff Counsel for Street Law Program

Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court

Member (2010–present)

American Bar Association

Section of Litigation, Insurance Coverage Litigation

Texas Exes Life Member