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Jennifer Kearns devotes much of her practice to the representation of insurance carriers against allegations of breach of contract, “bad faith,” insurance code violations and deceptive trade practices. Her representation includes both commercial and personal lines policies, as well as third-party disputes involving coverage.

She also handles casualty claims stemming from allegations of premises liability, products liability, or personal injury, and commercial litigation.

Representative Experience

Managed defense of and resolved over 500 residential and commercial lawsuits resulting from recent weather catastrophes occurring throughout the state on behalf of multiple insurance carriers.

Conducted and obtained favorable rulings in over 50 administrative hearings before the Texas Department of Insurance concerning issues involving windstorm damage, underwriting issues, and most notably, "slab" cases on Bolivar Peninsula following Hurricane Ike.

Obtained and acted as liaison counsel for six MDL ("Multi-District Litigation) dockets for the consolidation and coordinated handling of hundreds of residential and commercial lawsuits against multiple insurance carriers stemming from Hurricanes Rita, Ike, Dolly and Hidalgo County hailstorms, resulting in more cost-effective defense.

Related Services

Business and Commercial

Insurance

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Plaintiffs' Bar Pushing for MDL As COVID-19 BI Suits Continue

May 8, 2020

Attorney Panel: Litigation Trends and Hot Topics

Nomad Annual Claim Conference

2019

Technological Advancements and Their Impact on Property Claims

Dallas Claims Association

2019

Technological Advancements and Their Impact on Property Claims

Thompson Coe Webinar

2019

To Appraise or Not To Appraise

Windstorm Insurance Network, WIND 2019 Conference

2019

Best Practices and Strategies for Handling Complicated Property Claims to Avoid Bad Faith

Dallas Claims Association

2018

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of Law

J.D., 1997

Our Lady of Lake University

B.A., 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2005

California

1998

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of California

Central, Eastern, Southern

United States District Court of Texas

Southern and Western

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Council for Litigation Management

Bad Faith and Construction Defect Committees

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

DRI The Voice of the Defense Bar

American Bar Association

Austin Bar Association

Litigation and Construction Sections

Colin's Hope

Athletic Ambassador