



Jennifer D. Aufricht

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Jennifer Aufricht is a seasoned, first-chair trial lawyer who defends the wrongfully accused against a wide range of wrongful death and personal injury cases arising from industrial and oil field accidents, transportation, product liability, and sexual tort cases.

Jennifer prides herself on an “old school” approach focused on the best interest of the client, which includes early case evaluation and resolution so litigation costs are minimized or avoided when possible. If trial is required, she does not hesitate to put her years of trial experience to work.

As a trial expert, Jennifer is often retained to step in and try or retry cases she did not develop – such as the bad faith case put to a new trial after an adverse verdict and prior defense counsel suddenly passed away. About 45 days later, her client received a defense verdict.

Further, from time to time Aufricht represents individual businessmen and women, and small businesses pro bono when they are unjustly treated or exploited by bigger companies with greater resources.

Representative Experience

Obtained a defense verdict in a \$200 million multiple wrongful deaths lawsuit against highway construction client in dangerous border venue.

Obtained a defense verdict in a hotly contested and complex products liability, wrongful death and burn injury action arising from a plant explosion in the Eastern District of Texas.

Obtained defense verdict in wrongful death case in Galveston County for a general contractor whose subcontractor employee fell through a sky light.

Obtained defense verdict, putting fault on Plaintiff, for auto component supplier in an automobile rollover-related traumatic brain injury case.

Obtained numerous summary judgments for various organizations in sexual molestation cases.

Settled highly publicized multi-million dollar food contamination case during trial for regional food distribution company.

Obtained a defense verdict for Fortune 50 Company in multi-million dollar death and bystander claim resulting from pipeline construction accident.

Took over and retried case after adverse verdict against insurance carrier and obtained defense verdict in new trial in multi-million dollar worker's compensation bad faith suit.

Obtained defense verdict, placing 100% responsibility for infant's death on mother, in federal court products liability case against crib manufacturer.

Awards & Recognition

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed for Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, Litigation - Construction

2021-2026

AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES (ABOTA)

Associate

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL

AV Preeminent Attorney

2023-2024

TEXAS SUPER LAWYER

Listed for Personal Injury - General: Defense

2018-2023

TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law

Related Services

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Health Care

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Social Networking Your New BFF

DRI Damages Seminar

Social Networking Your New BFF

Thompson Coe's 9th Seminar on Texas Insurance Law Developments

Social Networking Your New BFF

UDLA Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah

Texas Pests: Rattlers, Brahmas, Rapists 'n' Remingtons... Reining in Plaintiffs with Good Texas Law

Thompson Coe's 12th Seminar of Texas Insurance Law Developments

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Texas Tech University School of Law

J.D., 1985

Advanced Mock Trial Winner

Advanced Moot Court Winner, Best Oralist

B.A., 1982

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Texas

United States Court of Appeals

United States District Court of Texas: Northern, Western, Eastern

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Associate

University of Texas- The Center for Women in Law Leadership Boot Camp

Former Faculty member

SMU Dedman School of Law

Former Trial Advocacy Adjunct Professor