



Judith L. Ramsey

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Judith Ramsey has decades of experience in civil appeals, original proceedings, pre-trial motions practice, civil litigation, and municipal law. Judith served as Chief of the General Litigation Section of the City of Houston Legal Department from mid-2012 to early 2020. She supervised the largest litigation/appellate team of attorneys handling high-profile and complex litigation and appeals.

She has supervised or participated in the handling of over 150 appellate matters and acted as lead appellate counsel in at least 17 appeals, arguing at the 1st, 14th, and 4th Courts of Appeal, 5th Circuit, and the Texas Supreme Court.

Judith has deep experience in local governmental law and litigation. Judith Ramsey has that knowledge. Whether in contract, constitutional, or personal injury litigation, eminent domain, election contests, Texas Public Information Act actions, ultra vires claims, real estate disputes, sign code matters, environmental issues, legislative matters, or drafting, negotiating, or reviewing contracts, she is equipped to assist.

Representing Individuals and Business Entities:

- Personal injury and commercial litigation representing national restaurant group, automobile dealerships, large manufacturing concern, condominium association, local iconic coffee shop, as well as many individuals
- Insurance Code violation claims
- Contract disputes
- Labor and employment
- Disputes regarding alleged agreed judgments
- Products liability

- Property damage insurance claims
- Family law issues
- Texas Citizens' Participation Act
- Maritime claims
- Construction defects
- Banking litigation
- Medical malpractice

Representing Governmental Entities:

- Texas Public Information Act mandamus actions
- Election contests related to both candidates and measures
- Eminent domain matters, including Special Commissioners' hearings and litigation
- Inverse condemnation / takings litigation
- Construction disputes and litigation
- Allegations of violations of Texas Natural Resources Code and Antiquities Code
- Open Meetings Act claims
- Sign Code disputes and litigation
- Texas Tort Claims Act litigation and jurisdictional/governmental immunity issues
- Participation with Harris County in a Chapter 125 nuisance case
- Appeals relating to Building and Standards' Commission rulings
- Constitutional challenges to City ordinances
- Ultra vires claims
- Revisions to the general conditions document for construction projects
- Affirmative claims and litigation against large governmental vendors and contractors

Representing other governmental entities:

- Permitting disputes and hearings
- Multi-district tort and statutory claims
- Water Code enforcement actions

- Environmental litigation

Related Services

Appellate Litigation

Governmental Entities and Civil Rights Defense

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Recent Battles in the Serbonian Bog – A Case Law Update on Inverse Condemnation

Texas Bar Association Advanced Government Law Conference

2023

Special Issues with Special Commissioners’ Hearings; How to Successfully Mediate with Governmental Entities

CLE International Texas Eminent Domain Conference:

2020

Mediating with the City

Texas Mediator Credentialing Association

2015

Presumption Perils Under Partial Reporter’s Record Appeals

San Antonio Bar Association Presentations

Appeals for the Non-Appellate Lawyer

2008

Policy Limits Demands

University of Houston Law Foundation Presentations

Advanced Insurance Seminar and Advanced Insurance and Litigation Seminar | 1998-2002

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law

J.D., 1985

Assistant Editor-in-Chief and Casenotes Editor of South Texas Law Journal

Trinity University

B.A., 1979

Broadcast Journalism

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

1985

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals

Fifth Circuit

United States District Court of Texas

Southern and Western

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

San Antonio Bar Association

Chair, Appellate Practice section 1999-2000