

## Zandra E. Foley

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Zandra Foley is a trial attorney who represents clients in complex litigation matters related to products liability, mass torts, malpractice, and errors and omissions. She also defends clients who have been sued for various intentional torts including assault, battery, libel, slander, and defamation. Zandra has served as national and regional trial counsel on medical device, product liability, and mass tort-related matters and has extensive experience advising clients on a variety of complex disputes with an eye toward early and efficient resolution.

### Representative Experience

Obtained defense verdict for national product manufacturer in personal injury trial regarding fall protection

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of defense law firm where former client's bankruptcy trustee sued for alleged legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty

Obtained defense verdict on behalf of national commercial automobile manufacturer in personal injury trial.

Obtained defense verdict for national product manufacturer in three-week wrongful death trial regarding asbestos exposure.

Obtained defense verdict on behalf of forensic expert accountant sued by a client seeking millions for breach of fiduciary duty, negligence and malpractice in relation expert proceedings provided in divorce proceedings.

Obtained directed verdict on behalf of environmental sanitation company sued for damages allegedly sustained after providing services in response to Tropical Storm Allison.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a home dialysis company in a medical malpractice lawsuit concerning the applicability of the responsible third party statute to the medical malpractice claims.

Obtained defense verdict for national product manufacturer in three-week asbestos exposure trial.

Obtained defense verdict on behalf of attorney in trial where law firm alleged claims for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty.

Obtained defense verdict for Ford Motor Company in a DTPA/Consumer law claim.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of foster parents accused of lack of supervision in a case involving the sexual assault of a child by a third party.

Defended one of the nation's largest brick manufacturers in personal injury lawsuit.

Defended staffing agency in medical malpractice trial.

Obtained defense verdict on behalf of homeowner in wrongful death shooting case.

## Awards & Recognition

### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

Fellow

### BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Listed for Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

2024-2025

### IADC TRIAL ACADEMY

Trial Advocacy Program, Faculty Member

August 2023

### IADC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Leadership on IADC Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee's Active Ally Series

2021

### TEXAS SUPER LAWYERS

Listed for Professional Liability: Defense, Personal Injury - General: Defense

2020-2023

### SUPER LAWYERS - RISING STAR

Listed for Professional Liability: Defense, Personal Injury - General: Defense

2007-08, 2011-17

## Related Services

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Professional Liability

## **Publications & Speaking Engagements**

**A New Focus for Defense Voir Dire: Safetyism**

Defense Counsel Journal - IADC, co-author

October 2024

**Discovery Abuse and Sanctions**

TexasBarCLE presents Handling Your First (or Next) Civil Discovery

Austin, TX

October 2024

**Public Nuisance and Related Consumer Protection Suits: Where Do They Stand? Will SCOTUS Ever Weigh In?**

Law & Economics Center's Eighteenth Annual Judicial Symposium on Civil Justice Issue

Arlington, VA

October 2024

**Attempts to Rebrand Product Liability Claims is the Real Nuisance Here - Public Nuisance, The New Product Liability Super Tort**

IADC Product Liability Roundtable

New Brunswick, NJ

September 2024

**Resolution Revolution**

Beazley Claims Summit

Atlanta, GA

September 2024

**The Year In Review 2023 – Significant Attorney Malpractice and Ethics Decisions March 2024**

23rd Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management (LMRM) Conference

Chicago, IL

March 2024

**Strength in Diversity: The Benefits of Diverse Juries and Trial Teams**

Thompson Coe – The Collective event

Houston, TX

February 2024

**The Psychology of Today's Juries: What Makes Them Tick? Are They Really Your Peers?**

IADC Midyear Meeting

Miami, FL

February 2024

Mental Health, Wellness, and Diverse Employees

IADC Annual Meeting

Waimea, Hawaii

July 2023

Year in Review: Significant Developments in Legal Malpractice Cases of 2022

22nd Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference

Chicago, IL

March 2023

Current Issues in Legal Ethics for Lawyers and Risk Management in Law Firms

IADC Midyear Meeting

Austin, TX

February 2023

Diversity in the Courtroom: The Winning Way

DRI Professional Liability Virtual Seminar

December 2021

Zoom Era Evidence: Practical Tips for Video Conference Hearings and Trial

State Bar of Texas 34th Annual Advanced Evidence & Discovery

Webcast

April 2021

“2020 Vision” – Significant Developments in Malpractice Claims

20th Annual LMRM Conference

Virtual

March 2021

What’s Trending? Stay Ahead of the Curve with the Latest Trends, Tips, and Significant Cases in

Professional Liability

DRI Professional Liability Virtual Seminar

December 2020

Becoming an Active Ally to Black Women: How to Get Involved, Increase Your Diverse Attorneys, and

Educate Others About Racial and Social Injustice

IADC Webinar, panel speaker

July 2020

Trial Tactics and Techniques

IADC Committee Newsletter

May 15, 2020

### **Optimal Pretrial and Trial Strategies to Resolve Causation**

19th Annual LMRM Conference

Chicago, IL

March 2020

### **Recent Trends in Texas Professional Liability Cases**

CPCU Luncheon

2020

### **Understanding Personal Injury Law**

Texas Personal Injury Practice for Paralegals

2020

### **Natural Disasters: When Insurance and Real Estate Agents Become the Insurance**

DRI Professional Liability Seminar

New York, NY

December 2019

### **The Double Whammy: "I Have Two Court Dates on the Same Day!"**

IADC Trial Techniques Newsletter

Sep 20, 2019

### **Claim Repair: If It's Broken, Can You Fix It?**

18th Annual LMRM Conference

Chicago, IL

March 2019

## **Education, Admissions & Activities**

### **EDUCATION**

The University of Texas School of Law

J.D., 2001

Order of Barristers

Teaching Quizmaster

National Mock Trial Champion

Texas A&M University

B.A., cum laude, 1998

Political Science

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Arkansas

2017

Texas

2001

#### COURT ADMISSIONS

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

United States District Court of Arkansas, Eastern District

#### PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Professional Liability Committee, Chair, 2024; Vice-Chair, 2022-2023

International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Vice-Chair of Programming and Special Projects, 2019–2021; Trial Techniques and Tactics Committee, Chair, 2021-2023; Vice-Chair of Newsletter, 2019-2021