



Jennifer Ecklund

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PRACTICES

- Business Litigation
- Health Care
- White Collar Defense and Investigations
- ERISA Litigation
- Appellate

INDUSTRIES

- Health Care
- Financial Services
- Nonprofit and Charitable Organizations
- State and Local Governments

EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University, J.D., magna cum laude, 2004
- University of Texas at Austin, M.S.W., 2001
- Northwestern University, B.S., 1998

AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Dallas LGBTQ Bar Association
- Women's White Collar Defense Association

Jenny is an experienced and strategic trial lawyer focusing her practice on health care, social justice, white-collar fraud and complex commercial litigation.

Jenny has spent almost 20 years leading trial teams that obtain favorable results and trial verdicts in a variety of cases, including health care coverage and reimbursement disputes, fraud and defamation claims and civil RICO litigation. Her practice also includes extensive work in support of the rights of marginalized communities in constitutional law matters. Jenny's significant experience includes white-collar fraud litigation and investigations within the securities, health care, tax and mortgage industries.

Jenny is recognized as a staunch advocate and litigator in the realm of reproductive justice and the constitutional rights of women, LGBTQ+ people, and marginalized groups, focusing on First Amendment issues, due process rights, and equal protection under the law.

Prior to joining the firm, Jenny was a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division, representing the United States before federal district and bankruptcy courts, focusing primarily on civil tax fraud. She is also a recognized leader on issues related to securities fraud, investor fraud and resulting receiverships, and served as a receiver for the SEC.

In a major pro bono effort covered by The New York Times, The Atlantic, ProPublica and CBS News, Jenny represented numerous sexual assault survivors in a federal class action in Austin, Texas, challenging unconstitutional failures in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assaults. The case and related advocacy has led to the formation of a Statewide Sexual Assault Survivor Task Force in the Texas Governor's Office, and a statewide audit of police investigations and prosecutorial outcomes.

Recognitions

- Profiles in Leadership Award, SMU Women's Symposium
- Recommended Attorney, The Legal 500 US by Legalease (Dispute Resolution – General Commercial disputes), 2018-2019
- The Best Lawyers in America® by BL Rankings, 2018-2024

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP 2020-Present
- Thompson & Knight LLP Partner, 2012-2020 Associate, 2004-2012
- U.S. Department of Justice 2006-2007

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Texas US Bank Ct, Northern District
- Texas USDC, Eastern District
- Texas USDC, Northern District
- Texas USDC, Southern District
- Texas USDC, Western District
- US Ct Appeals, 5th Circuit (LA, MS, TX)
- US Supreme Ct

- Under 40 Hot List, Benchmark: Litigation, The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys, 2016-2017
- Top 50 Texas Women Up-and-Coming Attorneys, Texas Rising Stars® by Thomson Reuters, 2017
- Texas Rising Stars® by Thomson Reuters (General Litigation), 2012-2017
- Local Litigation Star, Benchmark: Litigation, The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys, 2016-2018
- Future Star, Benchmark: Litigation, The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys, 2012-2015, 2019

Experience

• **Health Care Litigation**

Represented both in- and out-of-network health care providers in reimbursement disputes with insurance companies and payors.

Represented health care providers in regard to investigations of audits and fraud.

Obtained a \$9M defamation verdict against insurance company on behalf of health care provider.

Represented health care providers in partnership disputes and non-competition agreements.

Represented health care providers with regard to non-competition agreements.

• **Constitutional Rights Litigation**

Represented multiple sexual assault survivors in a Section 1983 case against the City of Austin and Travis County for gender discrimination. Represented various reproductive health groups and providers in numerous challenges to Texas laws regulating abortion, including SB8, obtaining finding that the unique private enforcement mechanism of that law is unconstitutional.

• **Securities and White Collar Litigation**

Court-appointed Receiver in the SEC enforcement action involving a \$32 million fraudulent mortgage investment scheme.

Obtained \$65 million verdict in fraud case for litigation trustee in matter related to fraudulent life settlement investment scheme.

Represented various clients in white collar fraud matters before the federal district courts.

Conducted internal investigations for various entities in which fraud or other misconduct was alleged or suspected.

Community

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow, 2019
- Café Momentum, Board Member, 2018-Present
- Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center, Board Member, 2018-2022
- Law360, Health Editorial Advisory Board, 2016