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CURRICULUM VITAE OF DEBORAH G. HANKINSON

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1983); Valedictorian; Editor-in-Chief, *Southwestern Law Journal*; Order of the Coif
The University of Texas at Dallas (M.S., 1977)
Purdue University (B.A., with distinction, 1973)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Civil appellate practice, arbitration and mediation services, Hankinson LLP, Dallas, Texas (October 2011-present)
Civil appellate practice, arbitration and mediation services, Hankinson Levinger LLP, Dallas, Texas (2008-October 2011)
Civil appellate practice, arbitration and mediation services, Law Offices of Deborah Hankinson PC, Dallas, Texas (2003-2008)
Visiting Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law (2002, 2003)
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas (1997-2002)
Justice, Court of Appeals, Fifth District of Texas at Dallas (1995-1997)
Civil trial and appellate practice, Thompson & Knight, L.L.P., Dallas, Texas (1983-1995)
Special Education Teacher, Plano Independent School District, Plano, Texas (1974, 1975-1980)

BOARD CERTIFICATION

Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1992-present)

COURT ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas (November 1983)
The United States Supreme Court (October 1991)
The United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth (October 1989), Tenth (March 1995), and Federal (June 2004) Circuits
The United States District Courts for the Northern (January 1984), Eastern (February 1989), and Western (May 1990) Districts of Texas

RECOGNITION

Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Texas Dallas (2017)
AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (2017)
Texas Lawyer, Professional Excellence Award: Lifetime Achievers (2016)
National Law Journal, ADR Champions (2016)
Best Lawyers in America, Appellate Law (2008-2017), Arbitration (2016-2017), Mediation (2016-2017)
Best Lawyers in America, Dallas Appellate Lawyer of the Year (2012)
Chambers USA (2007-2016)
Texas' Top Rated Lawyers, Martindale-Hubbell and ALM (2012-2016)
Texas Lawyer, "Winning Women" (2011)
Texas Super Lawyers (2003-2016), Thomson Reuters legal division
Texas Super Lawyers, Top 10 in Texas (2011-2012, 2014-2016), Third overall in Texas (2015), Second overall in Texas (2012), Thomson Reuters legal division

Texas Super Lawyers, Top 100 in Texas (2005, 2008-2016), Thomson Reuters legal division
Texas Super Lawyers, Top 50 Women (2003-2016), Thomson Reuters legal division
Texas Super Lawyers, DFW Top 100 (2004, 2005, 2007-2016), Thomson Reuters legal division
D Magazine, Best Lawyers in Dallas (2003, 2005, 2007-2009, 2011-2017)
Benchmark Appellate (2013)
Benchmark Litigation (2016)
Lawdragon, 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2010-2011, 2014-2015)
D Magazine, Best Women Lawyers (2010)
Dallas Business Journal, "The Defenders" Top Business Defense Lawyers (2009)
Texas Lawyer Go-To Guide (2007)
Texas Trial Legend, Dallas Bar Association, Tort and Insurance Practice Section (2015)
Ann Clarke Snell Award, Women's Advocacy Project (2003)
Merrill L. Hartman Award, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Inc. (2003)
Harold F. Kleinman Award, Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation (2002)
Distinguished Alumni Award for Judicial Service, SMU Dedman School of Law (2002)
Ma'at Justice Award, Women in the Law Section, State Bar of Texas (2002)
Presidential Citation, State Bar of Texas (2001)
Travis County Women Lawyers' Association, Outstanding Achievement Award (2001)
Judge of the Year, American Board of Trial Advocates, Texas Chapter (1999)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators (2016-present)
Fellow, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers (2011-present)
Member, American Arbitration Association's National Roster of Neutrals (2006-present)
Member, American Arbitration Association Board of Directors (2009-present)
Member, American Law Institute (1999-present)
Member, Executive Board, SMU Dedman School of Law (1998-present)
Vice-Chair (2007-present), Board Member (2003-present), Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation
Former Member, Texas Access to Justice Commission (2001-2002)
Member, National Association of Women Judges (1998-present)
Member, American Bar Association (1983-present) and current member of Dispute Resolution Section and Appellate Judges Conference
Committee Member (2003-2006) and Former Chair (2006-2009), American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants
Member, Fifth Circuit Bar Association (2003-present)
Fellow, American Bar Foundation (1998-present)
Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation (1992-present)
Former Chair (2005) and Life Benefactor Fellow, Dallas Bar Foundation
Member, State Bar of Texas
Member, Dallas Bar Association