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Focus Areas

Commercial Litigation
Consumer Litigation
Employment Litigation
Government Investigations
Patent Litigation
Trade Secret Litigation

Highlights

Top-Rated Trial Attorney and Leader

Recognized as a Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyer in America, a Best Lawyer in America®, a Texas Super Lawyer, and a Best Lawyer by D Magazine, Jenny is the co-chair of MWM's litigation section and a member of the firm's executive committee.

Trailblazer in Women's Empowerment Initiatives

Jenny has been identified in the legal industry as a gamechanger, helping MWM increase the number of female and minority attorneys and advocating on behalf of women in the legal industry.

Frequent Presenter on Leadership Initiatives

As a mother of four with a highly successful legal career, Jenny is often invited to speak at bar functions, women's empowerment conferences, and podcasts on ways that leaders can build more supportive cultures for primary caregivers in the legal industry.

Experience

Jenny L. Martinez is a senior partner, member of MWM's executive committee, and she co-chairs MWM's complex litigation/dispute resolution section. Jenny is a trial attorney who previously worked at Godwin Bowman & Martinez PC as a named-shareholder, executive committee member, senior vice president, and co-chair of the commercial litigation section. Jenny represents both plaintiffs and defendants in business disputes involving banking, real estate, intellectual property, employment, contracts

and collections. Notably, Jenny was a key member of the legal team defending Halliburton in connection with all civil litigation and investigations arising out of BP's Macondo well (Deepwater Horizon) blowout in the Gulf of Mexico — the largest environmental lawsuit in the history of the United States.

Reflecting the excellence of her legal practice, she has been named to the *Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America*, recognized by D Magazine among "The Best Lawyers in Dallas," a repeated choice by Thomson Reuters to the list of *Texas Super Lawyers* and has received a 10.0 rating by AVVO, its highest attorney rating.

Jenny received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in 1999, along with her B.A., *magna cum laude*, in political science in 1995. While at SMU, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was the publicity chairman of the Political Science Symposium. She was also chief counsel at the SMU Legal Clinic, a research assistant to Professor Ellen Smith Pryor, law school director for Texas Women Lawyers and the treasurer of the SMU Women in Law.

Representative Matters

- Represented Halliburton in all civil investigations and litigation arising out of BP's Macondo well blowout (Deepwater Horizon) in the Gulf of Mexico;
- Represented financial institutions in litigation involving breach of promissory notes, breach of guaranty agreements, fraud investigations and recoveries under financial institution bonds;
- Represented financial institution in arbitration involving software developer's breach of contract to develop and customize loan origination software;
- Represented financial institution in dispute involving breach of executive employment agreements, breach of nonsolicitation agreements and the Texas Citizens Participation Act (anti-SLAPP laws);
- Represented non-profit religious organization in breach of contract, libel and RICO suit;
- Represented Fortune 500 company in litigation and arbitration involving environmental and complex contractual indemnity issues;
- Represented international manufacturing and technology company in class action litigation involving allegations of breach of warranty and consumer fraud;
- Represented international life insurance and pension company in class action litigation involving allegations of consumer fraud;
- Represented publicly-traded healthcare services company in litigation involving foreclosure of commercial property, breach of promissory notes, bankruptcy, contractual indemnity and recovery of deficiency.

Credentials

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas 1999

Cum Laude

Juris Doctorate

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, Texas 1995
Magna Cum Laude
B.A. Political Science

Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association
Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
Dallas Bar Association
State Bar of Texas, 1999

Honors and Awards

Women, Influence, & Power Awards, DEI Champion,
2021
Best Lawyers in America, Woodward White, Inc.
2022
Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America
2017-2021
Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters
2015-2021
The Best Lawyers in Dallas, D Magazine
2012, 2014, 2017, 2019-2021
Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters
2008-2009
Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation
Founding Fellow

Admissions

Texas, 1999
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

Knowledge

ABA Webinar, How to Leverage Allyship to Build & Communicate Diversity and Refute Implicit Bias in Your Legal Practice (EP2106HLA), Panelist/Presenter, Jun. 29, 2021: <https://www.americanbar.org/events-cle/ecd/ondemand/413217668/>
Podcast, Women Lawyers Making a Difference, Apr, 8, 2021: <https://www.katygoshtasbi.com/the-katy-g-podcast/interview-with-jenny-martinez>
Dallas Police Department's Women Leadership Event, Mar. 24 2021, Panelist, Strong Women Advocating for Themselves

D CEO Women's Leadership Symposium Jul. 15, 2020, Panelist "Pushing for Better: Creating Environments Where Our Daughters Will Thrive"

S.H.E. Summit, Aug. 29, 2019, Moderator "Advocating for Yourself"

S.H.E. Summit Aug. 16, 2018, Panelist "Women Ascending to Leadership"