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At a Glance

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.

Jenny L. Martinez is the Managing Partner of MWM's Dallas office and a member of MWM's executive committee. Jenny represents both plaintiffs and defendants in business disputes involving banking, real estate, intellectual property, employment, fiduciary liability, and corporate governance. 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, Jenny is listed as a Best Lawyer in America, a Texas Super Lawyer, a Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyer in America, and in 2024, she was one of the 27 Women in Business Honorees selected by Dallas Business Journal, a prestigious and highly competitive listing that highlights the game changing women in North Texas who are impacting their industries.

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 SMU Women in Law.

Experience

- 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

Focus Areas

Arbitration

Banking & Financial Services

Class Action Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Employment Litigation

Corporate Governance Litigation

Energy / Oil & Gas

Internal Investigations

Patent Litigation

Private Equity

Trade Secret Litigation

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, JD, 1999
cum laude

Chief Counsel, SMU Legal Clinic

Southern Methodist University, BA, 1995
Political Science
magna cum laude

Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas

Honors & Awards

- The Dallas 500 – The Most Powerful Business Leaders in Dallas – D CEO Magazine 2025
- Influential Woman of the Year, Texas Legal Awards, ALM and Texas Lawyer 2024
- Women in Business Awards Honoree, Dallas Business Journal 2024
- Best Lawyers in America 2022 – 2025
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters 2015-2024
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America 2017-2024
- Women, Influence, & Power Awards, DEI Champion, 2021
- The Best Lawyers in Dallas, D Magazine 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019-2021, 2025
- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters 2008-2009
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation Founding Fellow

Bar Admissions

Texas, 1999

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas