



## Paula K. Lear

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Paula Lear focuses her practice on representing businesses in civil trial and appellate litigation. Specializing in written advocacy, she has served as trial and appellate counsel in disputes involving the commercial, corporate, and insurance sectors. Before joining ENOCH KEVER, Paula served as Staff Attorney for Justice Bob Pemberton at the Third Court of Appeals. She also has several years' experience as in-house corporate counsel for a corrugated packaging and building products company.

### Professional Experience

- Represents clients in every stage of litigation, from pre-trial investigation and preparation through the appellate process
- Experienced in all areas of commercial litigation
- Represented clients defending class-action matters involving computer manufacturer service contracts and insurance industry software use
- Managed large-scale, complex discovery and electronic-document production for a multinational information technology client
- Served as in-house corporate counsel for a corrugated packaging and building products company, handling claims and litigation concerning contract disputes and products and premises liability, with a heavy emphasis on enforcing contractual indemnity clauses and additional insured provisions

### Professional & Community Activities

- State Bar of Texas
  - Appellate Section
  - Litigation Section
- Austin Bar Association
  - Civil Appellate Section
  - Civil Litigation Section
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

### Practice Areas

- Appellate

### Education

- University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas
  - J.D., 1996, *cum laude*
  - Trial Advocacy Bench Trial, Best Advocate, 1996
  - Judicial Internship, Justice Nathan Hecht, Texas Supreme Court, Summer 1996
  - Hippard Mock Trial Competition, First Place, 1995
  - Summer Judicial Internship, Honors Award, 1995
  - Judicial Internship, Federal Magistrate Mary Milloy, Southern District of Texas, Summer 1995
  - Best Appellate Brief Award, First Year Legal Writing
- University of Texas, Austin, Texas
  - B.A., English, 1989

### Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas