
SARAI S. NEUMAN

EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law, Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*

Rank: Top 15% of graduating class

Journal: South Texas Law Review, *Articles Editor*

Honors: Dean's Honor List

4 Highest Grade/CALI Awards, including Legal Research & Writing II

Phi Delta Phi Honor Society

Order of the Lytae

Rice University, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

EXPERIENCE

Brothers, Alvarado, Piazza & Cozort, P.C., *Attorney*, Nov. 2014–Dec. 2016; Feb. 2018–present

- Represent clients in diverse civil defense litigation matters, including construction defect, tractor-trailer accidents, personal injury, and oilfield personal injury defense
- Second chair trial experience, including direct and cross examination, pre-trial filings, jury charge, and judgment
- Take and defend depositions and manage witness preparation
- Argue motions and oppositions at court hearings
- Attend mediations, negotiate settlements, and draft releases
- Draft case status reports detailing litigation strategy and recommendations
- Prepare discovery requests, responses, and document production, including review and analysis of extensive construction documents, medical and billing records, and contracts
- Research legal questions and draft memoranda

Builders First Source, *Staff Attorney*, Jan. 2017–Feb. 2018

- Served as in-house counsel for the nation's largest supplier of building products and services
- Reviewed and negotiated terms and conditions in residential and commercial construction contracts and supplier agreements with builders, contractors, and suppliers throughout the country
- Handled pre-litigation claims
- Assisted in preparation of corporate filings

Kennedy Hodges, L.L.P., *Attorney*, Nov. 2013–Oct. 2014

- Represented clients in civil litigation cases, including employment law, medical malpractice, and personal injury
- Drafted pleadings, motions, responses, jury charges, and judgments, including dispositive motions
- Drafted deposition outlines, prepared discovery requests and responses, and reviewed discovery documents
- Drafted demand letters, negotiated settlements, and negotiated lien reduction requests
- Prepared documents and presentations for mediations
- Conducted legal and medical literature research and drafted memoranda

The Ammons Law Firm, *Law Clerk*, Spring 2013

- Drafted motions, discovery requests, research memoranda, and correspondence to opposing counsel
- Researched statutes, case law, and legislative history regarding civil litigation matters

University of Texas Health Science Center, *Senior Research Assistant*, 2004–2010

- Researched medical literature and prepared budgets/citations for faculty grant submissions and articles
- Managed Institutional Review Board submissions to assure regulation compliance
- Trained research assistants in diagnostic child assessments, parent interviews, and behavioral coding measures
- Conducted developmental assessments for Dan L. Duncan Children's Neurodevelopmental Clinic

BAR ADMISSION

Texas State Bar

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

United States District Court, Western District of Texas

United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Spanish (read/write/speak)