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PRACTICE AREAS

General Liability
OSHA
Professional Liability
Auto (Personal Injury and Property)
Commercial Litigation
Employer Liability
Premises Liability
Personal Injury
Toxic Tort
Construction Law
Probate Litigation
Fiduciary Litigation
Probate, Guardianship & Estate Administration

EXPERIENCE

Karen Kacir Alvarado is an experienced trial lawyer who is licensed to practice law in Texas, as well as before the federal courts in Texas. She handles cases involving probate litigation, personal injury, construction law, commercial disputes, premises liability, products liability, general liability, trucking accidents and toxic tort litigation. Ms. Alvarado assists clients in negotiating terms, drafting legal agreements, and filing liens in order to position their businesses for more efficient recovery. She carries these through into litigation and appeal if the need arises. Along with her experience of more than 30 years of practicing in Texas state and federal courts, Ms. Alvarado brings her belief that practicing law requires many attributes, not the least of which is hard work, perseverance, and integrity.

Ms. Alvarado has represented a diverse group of clients from Fortune 500 companies to individuals. While she generally finds herself on the defense side, her client's interests often involve making claims against others for breach of contract, indemnity, insurance, or probate issues.

Ms. Alvarado routinely appears in state and federal courts throughout Texas – from El Paso to Orange and from the RGV to the panhandle.

ADMISSIONS

- State of Texas, 1988
- U.S. Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Western District of Texas
- U.S. Northern District of Texas

ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- University of Houston Law Center, Gala Host Committee 2011, 2012
- DRI
- TADC

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Multiple representations in OSHA proceedings with successful resolution.
- Represented various employers in lawsuits brought by the families of deceased workers who allegedly died from exposure to benzene and welding fumes. Successfully resolved.
- Represented contractor in claims by multiple claimants in Jefferson County, Texas, for exposure to toxic substances. Defense verdict.
- Represented general contractor in crane accident caused by subcontractor resulting in excess of 100 personal injury claims and 4 fatalities. Claims dismissed as to general contractor.
- Represented general contractor in filing pre-bankruptcy lien against refinery. Refinery paid lien.
- Represented a contractor in a suit brought by the estate and children of a worker in an unresponsive state as a result of exposure to reduced sulfur gases. Successfully resolved.
- Represented an apartment complex in a personal injury suit brought by a man crushed between two trucks during post Hurricane Ike construction work. Successfully resolved.
- Successfully co-defended a plant owner in a lawsuit brought by the family of a man killed in a 2007 Cleburne gas explosion. Verdict: \$0
- Represented employer in heat stroke death. Successfully resolved.
- Represented premise owner in claim by contractor employee for damages after fall from ladder. Successfully resolved.
- Represented equipment operator who knocked unsecured worker off of a wall causing brain damage. Successfully resolved.

- Represented owner of premises from claims that defect caused plaintiff to fall. Verdict: \$0
- Review and negotiation of terms and conditions of contracts, non-disclosure, non-competes and confidentiality agreements.
- Represented Appellee in appeal from a no negligence finding against Appellee. Appellant argued trial court erred in excluding OSHA letter. Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment.
- Represented contractor and premise owner in asbestos claims filed throughout Texas.
- Represented premise owner in silicosis claims filed throughout Texas.
- Represented various premises and contractors in class actions for exposure to hazardous materials.
- Represented truck driver in multi-fatality and multi-personal injury case involving 18wheeler. Successfully resolved.
- Represented a construction company against two claimants alleging premises liability and negligence causes of action. Verdict: No liability.
- Successfully defeated claims for contractual indemnity against construction company.
- Represented construction company covered by owner-controlled insurance policy. Judge granted motion for summary judgment in favor of construction company.
- Represented an individual claimant in a collection under an oral contract. Jury award in favor of claimant.
- Represented a construction company in a claim by individual that he was injured by employee of construction worker. Individual demanded \$380,000 of jury. Jury awarded \$5,000 to Individual.

EDUCATION

University of Texas, Austin, Texas, B.A., 1984

University of Houston Law School, J.D., 1987