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Recognized as one of Dallas' Top 50 Women Lawyers by the National Diversity Council, Jervonne's optimistic approach, unyielding work ethic, and "outside-the-box" litigation strategies are highly respected among the legal community. And her clients. Her ability to synthesize and create streamlined arguments, as well as her execution during trials, yields successful results and speedy resolutions. Jervonne's clients include Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, corporate officers, and individuals across a range of complex civil and business litigation matters like trusts and estates, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, business torts, trade secret and non-compete disputes, oil and gas, and more.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas School of Law, *summa cum laude*, Jervonne clerked for the Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Honorable Denzil Price Marshall Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Her experience with both the district and appellate courts has proved invaluable when it comes to her motion practice, appellate research and writing, oral arguments, and trial strategy with clients.

In 2016, Jervonne was asked to serve on an 8th Circuit Court of Appeals panel discussion on the topic of diversity. Jervonne, joined by an appellate judge and two federal district judges, offered solutions to issues of race and gender inequality within the legal sphere. She continues her commitment to the advancement of diversity initiatives by regularly contributing to LPHS's efforts and sharing ideas on how to participate in various diversity and inclusion programs in the city, and throughout the state of Texas. In addition to practicing law, Jervonne serves her community as a motivational speaker for various outreach and church events, touching on numerous topics such as purpose, faith, and destiny. When not in court or speaking, Jervonne enjoys playing the piano.

EDUCATION

- Arkansas State University, Political Science and Philosophy, B.A., *cum laude*
- Top Political Science Student
- Distinguished Service Award
- Moot Court Regional Champion and Top Oral Advocate

University of Arkansas, School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*

- High Academic Achievement Award
- Charles Thomas Pearson Fellow
- James H. Mckenzie Award for Professional Responsibility and Ethics
- T.C. and Rosemary Carlson Memorial Award for Constitutional Law
- Note & Comment Editor on the *Arkansas Law Review*
- Teaching Assistant for Civil Procedure and Torts

HONORS & AWARDS

- "Best Lawyers in America," by *Best Lawyers*, 2021
- *Super Lawyers* "Texas Rising Star," 2021

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- J.L. Turner Legal Association, Corresponding Secretary
- Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court, Associate 2017-2018

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf Fortune 500® processing services company, reducing her client's potential damages exposure by nearly 50 percent.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims against Fortune 500® company in the federal district court of Montana.
- Utilized creative tactical litigation methods to protect former business partner's interest in partnership assets moved across state lines and obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of client after just two weeks of settlement discussions.
- Spearheaded initial litigation strategy in complex trust and business dispute related to the large Texas ranching operation and property owned by the trust leading to favorable settlement on behalf of trustee of multi-million trust.
- Within weeks of filing the lawsuit, successfully resolved a breach of contract dispute on behalf of a major world-wide career placement agency by obtaining a favorable settlement without the expense of traditional discovery and motion practice.
- Deposed several top executives of major sporting event companies on the west and east coasts on behalf of an online event registration company that proved instrumental in securing a dismissal of claims and settlement that saved her client from millions of dollars of litigation and damages exposure.
- Advanced strategic and cutting-edge motion practice on behalf of the founder and CEO of a major investment company in a breach of contract dispute that resulted in a favorable settlement.
- Provided innovative research and critical analysis to settlement demand proposal on behalf of an investment banking officer of a prominent banking institution in an employment discrimination dispute leading to a favorable pre-lawsuit settlement.
- Obtained order vacating default judgment on behalf of former business partner in a business dispute through inventive appellate briefing.
- Obtained favorable settlement on pro bono matter for Advocates for Community Transformation, assisting neighbors of community protect their communities from loitering and crime.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2019 ABA Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Conference, "Tips on Cross-examination", Co-presenter (CLE)
- 2018 44th Annual Ernest E. Smith Oil Gas and Mineral Law Institute, UT Law, "Protecting the In-House Attorney-Client Privilege", Co-Presenter (CLE)
- 2018 Dallas Bar Association, Energy Law Section Review of Oil and Gas Law, XXXIII, "Protecting the In-House Attorney-Client Privilege", Co-Presenter (CLE)
- 2018 8th Annual Trial Advocacy Workshop Series, JL Turner Legal Association, "Motion to transfer Venue, Plea to Jurisdiction and Special Appearance", Co-presenter (CLE)
- 2016 the United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference, "The Importance of Clerkships to Diversity of the Federal Judiciary", Panelist (CLE)

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Law clerk for the Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd, Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- Law clerk for the Honorable Denzil Price Marshall, Jr., District Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas