Sara Chelette, PARTNER

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Effective. Efficient. And experienced. Sara is a creative problem solver who works closely with her clients to obtain the best possible results. She will sort through voluminous document productions to find the documents that are key to the case and will continue to refine a complicated fact pattern or legal issue until it is straight-forward and easy to understand.

She represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of commercial litigation disputes. Sara has represented clients in breach of contract cases arising out of vendor relationships, including relationships in the oil and gas services industry, asset purchase agreements, professional services fee contracts, loans and guaranty agreements, and partnership and limited liability company agreements. She has also represented both plaintiffs and defendants in cases involving allegations of breaches of fiduciary duty, misappropriation of trade secrets, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and negligence. Sara has served as counsel for shareholders in derivative litigation.

This year, Sara was lead counsel for a premium finance company who was sued for $66 million for allegedly wrongfully cancelling its borrower's financed insurance policy. At the close of the plaintiffs' case, the Court granted the defense's motion for a take nothing defense judgment.

Sara earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Baylor Law School. She has been recognized as a "Texas Rising Star" by *Thomson Reuters* from 2013-2020, and "Texas Super Lawyer" from 2020-2023. Sara was selected as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in Commercial Litigation by *U.S. News & World Report* from 2020-2024.

A Dallas Bar Foundation Fellow and a Barrister for the William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court, Sara was also in the Dallas Bar Association's inaugural class of WE LEAD: Women Empowered to Lead in the Legal Profession. Before joining Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann, she was a partner at a top AmLaw firm.

EDUCATION

- Texas A&M University, Renewable Natural Resources, B.S., *magna cum laude*
    - Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US)
    - Certified Information Privacy Professional Europe (CIPP/E)
    - EU GDPR Foundation Qualification (C GDPR F)
    - Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM)
- Baylor Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*

HONORS & AWARDS

- Recognized as one of the "Texas Super Lawyers," by *Super Lawyers,* 2020-2023 (Women's Edition)
- Recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers in America" in Commercial Litigation by *U.S. News & World Report*, 2020-2024
- Recognized as a Texas Super Lawyers "Rising Star," by *Super Lawyers,* 2013-2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "How to Tell Your Story at Trial" co-author with John Adams for Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, February 2021
- "Why is the Economic Loss Rule Important in Business Litigation?" Dallas Bar Association, Litigation Section, October 2020
- "Mr. Zuckerberg Goes to Washington: Facebook Founder Faces Congress" IAPP, May 2018
- "Healthcare Cybersecurity Roundtable" KPMG, January 2016
- "CIO Security Lunch & Learn" International Cyber Fraud Cyber Hunt Operations, November 2015
- "Best Practices for Preventing Cybersecurity Breaches" Austin Compliance Roundtable, February 2016

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained a take nothing defense judgment in favor of premium finance company being sued for $66 million in damages for allegedly wrongfully cancelling its borrower's financed insurance policy.

- Arbitration award in favor of law firm's former partners in fee dispute relating to contingent fee income.

- Obtained favorable settlement sufficient to satisfy judgment in post-judgment collections action arising out of contentious divorce proceeding.

- Secured successful settlement for investor in oil and gas venture.

- Represented a *general partner* in a breach of fiduciary duty lawsuit brought by limited partners, obtaining a defense verdict after jury trial

- Represented the *owner/developer* in a lawsuit alleging spot zoning, obtaining summary judgment in client's favor allowing project to proceed.

- Represented a *broker* in a fee dispute with a potential client, obtaining summary judgment on client's behalf.

- Represented *seller* in an International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration, obtaining an award in seller's favor.

- Represented *employer* in action against former employee alleging misuse of confidential information, obtaining injunctive relief and a favorable settlement.

- Represented *owner/developer* in zoning dispute, successfully defending against a temporary injunction seeking to halt construction on project.

- Represented *property owner* in nuisance dispute, obtaining injunctive relief and a favorable settlement.

- Represented *subcontractor* on multi-site project against construction defect claims, obtaining a favorable settlement.

- Represented *service provider* in breach of contract lawsuit, obtaining a favorable settlement.

- Represented *limited partners* in general partner removal action, obtaining a favorable settlement.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Dallas Bar Foundation-Fellow
- William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court-Barrister
- Dallas Bar Association's inaugural class of WE LEAD: Women Empowered to Lead in the Legal Profession
- International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Leadership Dallas Alumni Association-Advisory Council
- Leadership Dallas-Class of 2013
- Mayor's Star Council, 2014-2015
- Human Rights Initiative of Texas-volunteer attorney
- Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program-volunteer attorney

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas