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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration



Biography

Ms. Reichenstein joins the Commercial Litigation practice of the firm as Senior Counsel. She has a broad-based litigation background with experience representing clients in several national and high-profile "bet-the-company" cases, as well as work on a range of contract, business tort, and product liability claims for both plaintiffs and defendants. Whatever the size of the case, Ms. Reichenstein brings a commitment to quality with a focus on client needs and always thinks creatively where needed to solve clients' problems.

Ms. Reichenstein's ability to develop and implement effective and reliable strategies for cases of any size has often resulted in either complete victory for her clients through motion practice or extremely favorable settlements. She is also adept at handling e-discovery issues, an essential skill in today's litigation. With over 25 years of experience, Ms. Reichenstein has practiced in state, federal, and bankruptcy courts, finding success at both the trial and appellate level.

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1996
- Colorado State University, B.A., 1993

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
 - Member
- Dallas Bar Association
 - Member

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1996
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Experience

- Lead counsel for cases involving allegedly misread results on behalf of a national laboratory.
- Represented a plaintiff in a contract dispute that involved claims of negligence, fraud, breach of warranty, breach of contract, and violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, leading to favorable recovery through mediation.
- Defended an international chemical company in several suits claiming damages from exposure to various chemicals, including obtaining dismissal of 23-plaintiff action in federal court.
- Part of the trial team that won a defense verdict in a months-long trial in federal court in one of the only cases to go to trial in the years-long wave of public entity firearms litigation. Also played a lead role in preparing trial and appellate level briefs in the 20+ other municipal firearms cases, resulting in dismissal of most of the remaining cases.
- Part of the team that successfully defended a leading utility company against multiple federal cases-including a class action claim-brought by individuals and groups allegedly impacted by global warming.
- Coordinated class-action defense of leading toy manufacturer in connection with voluntary recalls of toys that contained lead in excess of regulatory standards.
- Member of a national coordinating counsel team representing a national vehicle manufacture in a multi-district litigation involving over 200 cases; prepared and successfully argued Daubert motions and helped fashion and implement a strategy to close the MDL after only a few years.
- Oversaw complex settlement of claims of more than 100 plaintiffs arising from international airline disaster.
- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in various other cases in Texas state court and in arbitration, including premises liability claims against national hotel chain, negligence and wrongful death claims against diesel engine manufacturer, and a variety of contract, non-compete, construction, and DTPA claims.

Publications

- *The Use of Complex Statistical Proofs in the New Wave of Public Tort Cases*, (co-author) published in *Product Liability Advisory Counsel Compensatory Damages Deskbook*
- *Cooling Off Public Nuisance Claims*, (co-author), article published in *Jones Day Commentary* and *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*