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Overview

Mindy Riseden focuses her practice on commercial litigation, with particular emphasis on the trial level.

In fifteen years of practicing law, Mindy has provided counsel to individuals, local businesses, national corporations, and multinational organizations in disputes involving partnerships, insurance brokerage, employment, trustee/fiduciary, real estate, contract, eminent domain, and personal injury. Regardless of the nature of the dispute, Mindy enjoys working with people, and she finds that during the litigation process the best method to help the client reach its goals consists of working diligently and persistently while also maintaining flexibility as issues and disputes are always evolving.

Mindy believes balance is important to any activity. Prior to graduating law school, Mindy studied and lived abroad in Mexico, Spain, Chile, and Hong Kong. While in law school, Mindy served as a Senior Articles Editor for the SMU Dedman School of Law's Computer Law Review & Technology Journal. She was also elected as a Barrister and received the Southern Methodist University's McGuire Fellowship Award for Ethics & Public Responsibility (2001). Mindy is conversational in Spanish and enjoys meeting and working with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. When not consumed with areas of commercial litigation, Mindy enjoys working with pro bono clients, especially children needing a voice and guidance through the legal system.

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, J.D., 2003

Duke University School of Law Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law at the University of Hong Kong, 2002

Davidson College, B.A. in Spanish, 2000

Pontificia Universidad Catolica De Chile, Santiago, Chile, 1999

Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation

Representative Experience

- Representation of clients in the energy industry, both local and international, on issues involving eminent domain, contract disputes, partnership disputes, and personal injury defense.
- Representation of a Fortune 500 global company on a variety of insurance brokerage disputes.

Admissions

Texas, 2003

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

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and
Ninth Circuits

- Representation of clients on a variety of real estate issues.
- Representation of clients on trust fiduciary disputes and employment related disputes.

Publications/ Clerkships

Publications:

- **Judicial Spotlight: An Interview with Chief Justice Alma L. Lopez, The Appellate Advocate**, Spring 2005 at 4 (with Angelica Alfaro)
- **Using Immigration as a Protectionist Mechanism While Promoting Free Trade**, 8 L. & BUS. REV. AM. 667 (2002)

Clerkships:

- In addition to interning for Federal and State judges, Mindy has served as a Briefing Attorney to the Honorable Justice Catherine Stone of the Court of Appeals of the Fourth District of Texas, 2003-2004.

Affiliations

Associations

- Member of SMU Dedman School of Law's Emerging Leader Board (2017-2019)
- Texas Bar Foundation
- Garland Walker Inn of Court
- State Bar of Texas - Appellate, Insurance Law, Litigation, and Real Estate Sections
- Houston Bar Association - The Houston Lawyer Editorial Board/Associate Editor, 2005-2007
- Member of The Barristers, a scholarship and leadership organization at SMU Dedman School of Law
- Phi Delta Phi, International Legal Fraternity

Civic Involvement

- Active member of St. Pauls United Methodist Church
- Member of the Tahirih Justice Centers Pro Bono Legal Committee in Houston, 2014 - present
- The Houston coordinator for Davidson Colleges Alumni Recruitment Team, 2008-present

Awards

- One of the Top Lawyers in Houston by H-Texas Magazine (2016)
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