

Amy Dunn Taylor

DIRECTOR

With more than three decades of experience, trial lawyer, mediator and arbitrator Amy Dunn Taylor has tried, mediated and arbitrated a broad range of matters in the areas of construction, commercial, energy, personal injury, real estate, and others. Throughout her career, Amy frequently defended large corporations against mass toxic tort claims and managed those dockets across multiple venues and states. For more than 12 years, Amy served as Statewide Trial Counsel for a major Fortune 500 international corporation. She currently lends her deep well of knowledge and strategic thinking prowess to trial teams, helping them apply the law and evidentiary tactics to best assist clients with efficiently disposing of their litigation. *Houstonia Magazine* named Amy as a “Top Lawyer” for her outstanding work in mediation and arbitration, skills that she believes are the result of her years of experience as a trial lawyer who has practiced on both sides of the docket.

In the civil litigation arena, Amy has tried virtually every type of case and worked on both sides of the docket, giving her a full-picture perspective. Over the years she has advised clients on a myriad of matters, including product and premises liability cases; personal injury claims; toxic exposure cases such as silicone medical implants, pharmaceutical, and chemical asbestos, silica and mold exposure cases; business torts; and contract disputes. She particularly enjoys exploring the causes and origins of oilfield industry accidents, investigating and recreating how these incidents unfolded, and then negotiating and crafting resolutions that make business sense for her clients. Amy is a board-certified Civil Trial Law Specialist at both the state and national levels through the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and National Board of Trial Advocacy, respectively.

One of the founders of the firm’s Data Protection practice, Amy has guided clients in cyber security and risk consultation matters, including prevention breach and theft. She also serves as a trained mediator and arbitrator and frequently has been brought in to help gain resolutions in particularly tricky or contentious cases.

Amy understands how to advocate vigorously for her clients, connect with judges and juries, and use her considerable persuasive skills to help reach favorable outcomes. Her track record speaks for itself; she came out on the winning side in all but two of approximately 75 jury trials.

Away from the Office

Amy and her husband are very active in community service and volunteer work, devoting their time to causes such as Rice University and historic preservation. They travel frequently, and Amy enjoys gourmet cooking and needlepoint.



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LAW SCHOOL

South Texas College of Law
J.D., 1982

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Trinity University
B.A., *cum laude*, 1978

Practice Focus

Construction, Cyber Security, Energy, Oil and Gas, Environmental, Financial Services, Litigation, Large Loss Subrogation, Retail, Restaurant & Hospitality, Transportation

Honors

- AV Preeminent®, Martindale Hubbell
- Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters (2003, 2005 - 2020)
- Top Lawyers in Houston, H Magazine (2005-2009)
- Citation of Merit, Houston Bar Foundation (2001)
- Distinguished Alumni of South Texas College of Law (2001)
- Distinguished Service Award as President, Houston Bar Association (2000-2001)
- Honored as longest serving female adjunct professor at South Texas College of Law (Spring 2011)
- Outstanding Service Award, Houston Lawyer Referral Service (1996)
- Presented with the State Bar of Texas Presidential Citation of Merit (2008)
- President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Houston Volunteer Lawyer's Program (1998)
- Recipient of The Association of Rice Alumni's, Meritorious Service Award (May 2011)
- Recipient, Houston Young Lawyers Association, Outstanding Mentor (May 2008)
- YWCA Outstanding Woman of Achievement in Law and Government (2000)
- Top Lawyers, *Houstonia* Magazine (2019)

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 1982

State Courts of Texas. U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1987)

Board Certified, Civil Trial Advocacy, National Board of Trial Advocacy (1988)

Trained mediator and arbitrator

Associations

- American Bar Foundation, Fellow (2001-Present)
- American Bar Foundation, Co-Chair of Texas Fellows (2012-Present)
- Executive Council Member, National Conference of Bar Presidents (2006-2009)
- Houston Bar Association, Director and Officer (1990-2002); President (2000-2001)
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, House of Delegates, American Bar Association
- Member, Litigation Section (1982-Present)
- Member, National Conference of Bar Presidents (2000-Present)
- Member, Technology Section (2011-Present)
- Metropolitan Bar Caucus, Board of Directors (2000-Present); President (2005-2006)
- Order of the Barristers
- State Bar of Texas, Director (2001-2004)

- Texas Bar Foundation, Sustaining Life Fellow; Board of Trustees (2004-2007)

Languages

- Intermediate French

Publications

- Author, Article II Litigation, University of Houston Law Foundation (Various years)
- Author: Cyber Risk - What's a Business to Do, Texas Lawbook
- Author, Preparing Expert Witnesses to Write Expert Reports and Give Deposition and Trial Testimony, The University of Texas School of Law
- Author and Presenter, Trends in Cyber-Security Law, National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Author, The Court's Charge, University of Houston Law Foundation (Various years). Author, Mass Tort Litigation, University of Houston Law Foundation
- Contributing author to Cybersaurus Lex, a Cyber Security Law blog - part of the KRCL blog network
- Presenter, Mass Tort Litigation Management & Ethics, South Texas Law Review
- Speaker, Arbitration Killers, Savers: Making Arbitration Work in Employment Law, Employment Section of the State Bar of Texas, South Texas College of Law
- Speaker and Author: Subrogation and Cyber Security in the 21st Century, National Association of Subrogation Professionals, November 2014
- Speaker and Author: Cyber Security Trends in the Energy Sector, August 2011
- Speaker and Author: Cyber Liability and Data Theft, April 2014

Community

- City of Houston Ethics Commission (2010-Present)
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Member (1994-Present)
- Justice Austin McCloud Appellate Court Museum, Board Member
- Lamar High School, Alumni Association Board Member; Chair of 70th Anniversary Celebration.
- Leadership Houston, Member and Graduate, Class 11
- Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Member
- Rice University, Friends of Fondren, Director (2004-2011, 2013-Present); President (2009-2010); Director (2011-Present)
- South Texas College of Law, Adjunct Faculty (1986-Present)
- South Texas College of Law, Board of Trustees (2013- present)
- Speakers Committee, Member (1994-2005); Vice Chair (2002-2007)