



Barbara Balliette

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Barbara Balliette received her B.A. from Baylor University in 1990 and her J.D. *cum laude* from Georgetown University Law Center in 1993.

After graduating from law school, Barbara practiced law in the Dallas and Austin offices of Hughes & Luce, LLP. She joined Diamond McCarthy at its inception in 2000 and, after a sabbatical, rejoined the firm in 2005. Barbara's practice has included representation of both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of complex litigation matters, including business fraud, director and officer liability, professional malpractice cases, insurance coverage and "bad faith" litigation.

Representative cases and representations include:

- Total defense verdict in two-week jury trial in representation of lender in a complex multi-year lawsuit involving breach of contract, wrongful foreclosure and other tort claims.
- Multi-million dollar summary judgment in federal court representation of lender in breach of contract lawsuit.
- Representation of 2,300 member creditor Trust arising out of Zale and Gordon Jewelers bankruptcy successfully recovering more than \$51 million. Barbara was a litigation team member in the prosecution of multiple cases relating to complex claims of officer/director/shareholder liability and legal malpractice.
- Summary judgment in federal court on behalf of insurance company client in bad faith, "sweetheart deal" assignment, and coverage litigation.
- Barbara has extensive experience in insurance coverage evaluation, including authoring coverage opinions advising insurers on the scope of insurance coverage and advising insureds about the availability of insurance coverage in litigation situations.

Barbara is admitted to practice in the state of Texas and all Texas federal district courts, as well as the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition to her legal practice, Barbara is an active volunteer in many local community organizations, the Girl Scouts, and school organizations.

Location:

Austin, Texas

Education:

B.A. Baylor University 1990

J.D. Georgetown University Law Center 1993, *cum laude*

Areas of Practice:

Complex commercial litigation
Professional malpractice
Insolvency-related litigation
Bad faith insurance
Insurance Coverage Counseling and Litigation
Business torts

Admitted to Practice:

Texas 1993, All Texas federal district courts, Fifth Circuit