

## TEXAS BUSINESS LITIGATION TREATISE (Fourth Edition Announced & Forthcoming) Features Contributions from Diamond McCarthy's Sofia Adrogué As Creator & Editor As Well As Attorneys Across Texas

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HOUSTON – With institutions seeking a "roadmap for reform" in our 21st century civil justice system, issues of cost and length of time for resolution of matters and satisfaction with the overall process are at the forefront of the debate. With the decline of jury trials, excellence in litigating matters is paramount. To assist in navigating the litigation process, the Fourth Edition of ALM's Texas Business Litigation in which legendary trial lawyers and specialists analyze a range of issues encountered in the litigation process is forthcoming.

In 2015, there were 9.97 million cases that were disposed of in Texas courts, and less than 0.5 percent of those were disposed of by jury trial. Specifically, according to the 2015 Civil Case Activity Report, a jury was selected in only 1,237 cases.

While it is clear no one can guarantee adjudication by trial, combining nearly 50 years of legal practice and more than 18 years on the state district court bench, Creator & Editor Sofia Adrogué and Co-editor Caroline Baker envisioned a work that serves as an encyclopedia on business litigation—from A to Z—including some of the unexpected issues that may emerge—a bankruptcy proceeding or a criminal investigation—along with applicable ethical considerations.

"It is undisputed that the jury trial is imploding, facing extinction, with numbers in a precipitous decline," Adrogué says. "A spirited debate about the causes of the vanishing trial continues as well as the best manner in which to handle complex business torts litigation. ALM's TEXAS BUSINESS LITIGATION serves as a business litigation template as attorneys move business litigation cases to trial."

ALM's TEXAS BUSINESS LITIGATION showcases 22 contributing authors, the "Who's Who of the Bar," addressing the following: Alternative Dispute Resolution; Antitrust; Bankruptcy Ramifications in Business Litigation Cases; Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claims in Business Transactions; Business Divorce Cases; Contorts; Corporate Governance & Regulatory Proceedings; Criminal Law in Business Torts Cases; Damages; Discovery; Employment Law Litigation; Ethics; Evaluation of Business; Experts; Fraud & Negligent Misrepresentation; Intellectual Property & Trade Secrets Litigation; Jury Trial Innovations; Oil & Gas; Preservation of Error – Appeal Tactics; Speech Based Torts: Libel, Slander, Business Disparagement & Invasion of Privacy; The Liability Case; and Third-Party Litigation Finance.

A commercial litigator for more than 25 years, Adrogué is a Partner at Diamond McCarthy LLP. Adrogué handles complex commercial litigation and multi-party proceedings in state and federal courts, as well as in ADR proceedings throughout the United States and abroad. She has obtained favorable judgments and settlements on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants in a myriad of complex business cases in state and federal courts as well as in ADR proceedings. She represents clients in a variety of industries, ranging from entrepreneurs to multinational corporations. A native of Argentina, Adrogué has been profiled by many publications, including *Texas Lawyer* (one of Texas' Top "40 Under 40"), *Texas Monthly and Law & Politics* Magazine ("Texas Super Lawyer"), *Latino Leaders* Magazine ("The 25 Most Influential Hispanic Lawyers" and a "Top Latino Partner") and *Houston Woman* Magazine. She also serves as the Creator and Editor of Texas Business Litigation (ALM 2015, 2016, 2017). She is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Owner/President Management Program, an alumna of the Harvard Business School, and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center, *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif* and *Barons*, and her B.A. from Rice University, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, both on full academic scholarships.