

Jadd F. Masso

Member

Jadd Masso represents clients from many industries on appeal and frequently joins trial teams to handle procedural or strategic matters, dispositive motions, jury charge issues, and preservation of error at trial.

Clients value Jadd's experience, big-picture perspective, and ability to distill complex legal issues through oral and written advocacy. Trial lawyers—from both within and outside the firm—regularly call on Jadd to develop creative litigation strategies and to tackle law-intensive issues in court, often accelerating results for clients. A former trial lawyer himself, Jadd's involvement as appellate counsel at trial results in a seamless transition from trial to appeal.

Like most appellate lawyers, Jadd's practice covers a wide-range of subject matters, and has included cases involving business and commercial matters, oil and gas, corporate governance, lender liability, real estate, bankruptcy, attorney malpractice, and maritime law.

Jadd is Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Experience:

- Affirmance in Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals of district court ruling limiting the types of plaintiffs who may bring products-liability claims under maritime law, a question of first impression in any federal court.
- Reversal in the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals of a district court ruling interpreting FDIC loss-share agreements with financial institutions to create partnership duties.
- Successful mandamus in the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of appeals of an adverse venue ruling in the Eastern District of Texas.
- Affirmance of summary judgment in a complex commercial dispute dealing with the manufacture of oilfield equipment.
- Affirmance of jury verdict in favor of financial institution in dispute with commercial real estate developer.
- Successful mandamus action to prevent disclosure of trade-secret information in litigation between product manufacturers.
- Reversal of a judgment following jury trial in a commercial dispute between wholesalers.
- Reversal on interlocutory appeal of injunction against a financial institution in a real estate dispute with a developer involving claims of fraud and breach of contract.

Practices, Industries & Services

Litigation

Areas of Emphasis

Appellate
Business Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Financial Services Litigation

Memberships

- Dallas Bar Association, Member
- Texas Bar College, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, Member
- Texas Appleseed, Board of Directors
- United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, Board of Trustees
- Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Church Council
- Dallas Regional Chamber, Leadership Dallas Class of 2019

Honors



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Education

J.D., University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, 2003, Texas International Law Journal, Executive Editor

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1999, B.B.A., B.A.,

State Bar Licenses

Texas

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
U.S. District Ct., E.D. of Texas
U.S. District Ct., N.D. of Texas
U.S. District Ct., S.D. of Texas
U.S. District Ct., W.D. of Texas

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- Named Texas Super Lawyers' Rising Star by Thomson Reuters (2009-2017)
 - Named among "Best Lawyers in Dallas" by D Magazine (2019)

Presentations

- Top Traps in Error Preservation, Texas Bar CLE Litigation Update Institute (January 2020)
- Legislative Update for Litigators, Clark Hill Strasburger CLE Seminar (August 2019)
- Privilege Update: Preserving, Asserting, and Challenging Privilege, Dallas Bar Association (February 2018)
- Client Management, Dallas Bar Association (June 2017)
- Panelist, The Unstable Pro-Se Civil Litigant: Strategies for Ethically Dealing with the Difficult Unrepresented Plaintiff, American Bar Association - Judicial Division (July 2015)
- Moderator, Appeals and Ethics Panel, Dallas and Tarrant County Bar Associations Joint Appellate Seminar (October 2013)