

Chelsea Hilliard

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Chelsea has more than a decade of experience representing clients in high-stakes litigation and corporate governance matters.

Chelsea is a recognized leader in high-stakes commercial litigation, regulatory enforcement, and corporate governance matters, with deep experience representing clients in the financial services and investment management sectors. Her practice includes securities and shareholder derivative litigation, securities class actions, internal investigations, and enforcement matters involving the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice.

She regularly advises boards and senior executives on litigation and regulatory risk arising from transformational transactions, including mergers and acquisitions and private equity- and venture capital-backed investments, and on enterprise-level governance and risk management issues.

Select Experience

- Representation of large bank for an unemployment benefits inquiry by the Department of Labor involving security claims related to the distribution of COVID-19 benefits.*
- Representation of an alternative asset investment firm focused on providing flexible capital for small and mid-cap companies, in its acquisition of an international ocean and air freight forwarder and logistics broker.*
- Representation of a manufacturer of high-pressure aluminum die castings, in its merger with a manufacturer of custom high-pressure aluminum die castings.*
- Assisted renewable energy firms in challenging action taken by Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts related to applications under state property tax incentive program.*

Education

- SMU Dedman School of Law (J.D., 2010)
 - *cum laude*; Editor & Administrative Director, *Science and Technology Law Review*
- Southern Methodist University (B.F.A., 2007)
 - *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Professional Affiliations

- Dallas Women Lawyers Association (DWLA), Immediate Past President
- DWLA Foundation, Board of Directors, 2023-Present
- Dallas Bar Association, Board of Directors, Current; Secretary-Treasurer, 2024; Co-chair, Judiciary and Judicial Investiture Committee; Board Member, 2022-2023
- Attorneys Serving the Community (ASC), Leadership Gold Member, Current
- Equal Access to Justice Campaign, Committee, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program (DVAP), 2024-2025
- American Bar Association, Section of Litigation, Co-chair Securities Litigation Subcommittee, 2022-2023
- William “Mac” Taylor American Inn of Court
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow; Co-chair, District 6 Nominating Committee, 2021-2022
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Dallas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation, Sustaining Fellow; Grant Committee, 2019, 2020, 2022
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (DAYL), Chair, Trial Skills Committee, 2018-2020
- Business Council for the Arts, Leadership Arts Institute, 2020

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024, 2025, 2026
- *D Magazine*, “Best Lawyers in Dallas,” 2023-2026
- *Texas Super Lawyers*®, “Rising Stars,” 2014-2018, 2020-2025
- *D Magazine*, “Best Lawyers Under 40,” 2018-2024
- *Best Lawyers*® *Ones to Watch in America*, 2021-2023
- *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics* magazines, “Texas Rising Star,” 2014-2022
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, “One to Watch,” November 2020

Insights

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Chelsea Hilliard Joins Dorsey's Growing Commercial Litigation Team in Dallas

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