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OVERVIEW

Beth Petronio is the managing partner of the firm's Dallas office. She is a trusted advisor and counselor to a diverse group of clients, guiding them through a variety of complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters. Drawing from over 20 years of experience, Beth develops a deep understanding of a client's priorities and crafts practical solutions that help mitigate business and litigation risk.

Beth counsels clients in complex business cases, technology and outsourcing litigation, business fraud, deal litigation, legal malpractice defense, and ethics and professional responsibility. She is a partner in the global Commercial Disputes practice group and acts as an assistant general counsel to the firm. Beth has practiced before federal, bankruptcy and state courts, as well as domestic and international arbitration tribunals. Beth also acts as an assistant general counsel for the firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA* for Litigation: General Commercial in Texas: Dallas, Fort Worth & Surrounds, 2024-2026
- Named to the Texas Super Lawyers list, 2014-2023
- Best Lawyers in Dallas, *D Magazine*, 2018-2023
- Harold F. Kleiman Award, State Bar of Texas 2003
- Star of Justice Award, Texas Access to Justice Commission, 2003
- Special Services Award, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, 2003
- President's Award, State Bar of Texas, 1998

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association

- Dallas Bar Foundation
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1996 *(with honors, Managing Editor, The Review of Litigation)*
- B.A., Texas Christian University, 1993 *(magna cum laude)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- May 2022, May 2022 Accolades
- May 2021, May 2021 Accolades
- 21 May 2020, COVID-19: A Virtual Discussion on Litigating Force Majeure
- 21 April 2020, COVID-19: Force Majeure Checklist for the GC's Office
- 18 March 2020, COVID-19: Applicability of Force Majeure Clauses in the United States
- 2 November 2015, EPC Contracting Issues in the Oil & Gas Industry

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Waiver of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction: National Trends & the Inadequacy of the Texas Response," *23 Am.J. of Crim. Law*, 1996
- "Suffer the Children: Catholic Church Liability for the Sexual Abuse Acts of Priests," *15 Review of Litigation*, 1996

- "Chronology of a Murder: A Commentary on Criminal Justice in America," *23 Am.J. of Crim. Law*, 1995
- "Child or Adult," Case Studies and Analysis of Juvenile Certification in Texas," *9 Juvenile Justice Bar Journal*, Issue 4, 1995

NEWS & EVENTS

- 30 June 2026, K&L Gates Enhances Texas Corporate and Energy Capabilities With Dallas Partner Addition
- 4 June 2026, K&L Gates Receives Nearly 235 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2026 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 5 June 2025, K&L Gates Receives More Than 240 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2025 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 6 June 2024, K&L Gates Receives More Than 200 Firm, Individual Rankings in 2024 *Chambers USA* Guide
- 29 February 2024, K&L Gates Enhances Labor, Employment, and Workplace Safety Practice With Dallas Partner Addition
- 13 September 2022, Gender Bias in the Courtroom – Views from the Benches in Washington to Florida and the Trenches In Between

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 9 January 2026, *The Dallas Morning News* | The reckoning: Downtown Dallas must wrestle with future after AT&T exodus

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, “Amici Praise ACA Preventive Care Mandate In 5th Circuit Appeal,” *Mealey's Daily News Update*, 28 June 2023
- Mentioned, “Government Says Brief Shows Stay During Appeal Won't Harm ACA Care Challengers,” *Mealey's Health Care Coverage*, 1 June 2023
- Mentioned, “Government Says Brief Shows Stay During Appeal Won't Harm ACA Care Challengers,” *Mealey's Daily News Update*, 2 June 2023
- Mentioned, “High Court Denies Cert In Brazilian Oil Company's Arbitrability Dispute,” *Mealey's Daily News Update,* 22 May 2023
- Mentioned, “Justices Won't Reopen Petrobras Case Over $820M Settlement,” *Law360*, 22 May 2023
- Mentioned, “Post-Settlement Dispute With Brazilian Oil Company Not Arbitrable, High Court Told,” *Mealey's Daily News Update*, 24 March 2023
- Mentioned, “Briefly: 5th Circuit Says Clean Water Permit For Pipeline Was Issued Properly,” *Mealey's Daily News Update*, 10 January 2023

- Mentioned, “Briefly: 5th Circuit Says Clean Water Permit For Pipeline Was Issued Properly,” *Mealey's Fracking Report*, 1 January 2023
- Mentioned, “Medical groups urge judge to preserve Obamacare's preventive care coverage,” *Reuters*, 1 December 2022
- Mentioned, “5th Circ. Hears Groups' Challenge To Texas LNG Project,” *Law360*, 31 August 2022
- Mentioned, “PURADIGM LLC: DBG Group Investments' Trademark Suit Terminated,” *Lloyd's Intellectual Property Reporter*, 26 July 2022
- Mentioned, "Petrobras bribery claims barred by settlement," *Global Arbitration Review*, 3 May 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- International Arbitration
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Trade Secrets Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Electronics
- Consumer Goods and Services

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representing a liquefied natural gas producer and the largest privately funded infrastructure project in the State of Texas before the Fifth Circuit as the court reviewed a challenged permit having to do with the proposed multi-billion-dollar terminal and pipeline project.
- Pro bono representations of various individuals and entities, including American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, and Dallas Urban Debate Alliance.
- Representation of technology company in connection with commercial loan dispute pending before the London Court of International Arbitration.
- Representation of International Oil & Gas Company in connection with claims arising from refinery accident
- Representation of international oil trading and refining company in connection with confirmation of $639 million arbitration award and related litigation matters, resulting in recovery of more than $820 million.
- Representation of large investment fund in putative class action litigation

- Representation of US-based manufacturer of equipment used to grow synthetic sapphire in international arbitration.
- Representation of major telecommunications company in litigation alleging False Claims Act liability regarding collection and payment of sales taxes.
- Representation of major telecommunications company in various related arbitration proceedings regarding the sale and refurbishment of cell phones.
- Representation of international LNG company regarding appeals of various permits
- Representation of Jewel Recovery, L.P., the litigation trust for the bankruptcy estate of Zales and Gordon Jewelry Co., including the successful prosecution of one of the largest leveraged layout fraudulent transfer actions in U.S. history.
- Representation of oil & gas operator in international arbitration regarding propriety of AFEs.
- Pro Bono representations of Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation in appeals to the United States Supreme Court regarding TX IOLTA program
- Representation of medical device manufacturer in connection with international commercial dispute with various suppliers.
- Representation of DII Industries Asbestos PI Trust, a $2.6 billion post-bankruptcy trust funded by Halliburton and related subsidiaries.
- Representation of investment manager in connection with various disputes and regulatory issues.
- Representation of software company in False Claims Act litigation.
- Representation of software development company as lead national coordinating lead counsel in connection with various matters related to software implementations and contracts, including various class actions.
- Representation of former Olympic athlete in connection with litigation against the former owner of a sports nutrition center, who had made allegations against the former athlete related to steroid and drug use.
- Representation of major bank in various litigation matters, including business fraud litigation arising out of the syndication of a $500 million loan.
- Representation of numerous former owners of roofing companies nationwide in connection with the approval of an asset sale in the bankruptcy court, as well as in litigation against former officers, directors and professionals.
- Representation of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Livent bankruptcy in connection with claims against Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- Representation of a variety of bondholders in connection with class action claims against former officers, directors, accountants and underwriters of Livent, Inc

- Representation of telecommunications company in connection with various litigation and bankruptcy matters, including successful defense in a $500 million arbitration matter and prosecution of business fraud claims arising in connection with a $225 million acquisition.
- Representation of international investment fund in claims related to oil and gas investments
- Representation of various hospitals in connection with claims pursuant to the Texas Prompt Pay Act and related to underpayment of out-of-network healthcare claims.
- Representation of national grocery chain in connection with non-competition and trademark claims
- Representation of equipment fabricator in connection with indemnification and contractual claims related to refinery equipment.