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OVERVIEW

Victoria Forson's practice focuses on creatively and efficiently resolving complex commercial disputes, with a critical emphasis on achieving her client's ultimate business goals. Victoria consistently works with teams across the firm's full-service global platform to provide strategic counsel and achieve successful outcomes for her clients. Victoria's intellectual property practice includes litigating patent infringement claims, trade secret disputes under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act and Defend Trade Secrets Act and related business torts. She has handled critical issues such as reverse engineering, independent development, source code disputes, analyzing competitor liability issues, and litigating patent infringement matters involving advanced technologies and innovations.

As part of the firm's Financial Services group, Victoria frequently represents financial services institutions, bringing a deep understanding of the regulatory landscape and the challenges these entities face. Her experience includes disputes related to fair lending laws, originations, servicing issues, and compliance with consumer protection statutes.

Victoria helps clients with the initial analysis, negotiation, and, where necessary, subsequent litigation of a wide variety of complex commercial matters in state and federal trial and appellate courts in jurisdictions all over the country. Given her litigation experience, Victoria can offer clients a strategic and customized solution to successfully resolve any dispute—whether through trial, appeals, or a negotiated settlement. Sometimes leverage may be obtained through dispositive motion practice or limited discovery to posture disputes for early resolution, and other times, through alternative dispute resolution conferences, such as mediation or arbitration.

She is a member of the firm's Commercial Disputes, Intellectual Property, and Financial Institutions and Services Litigation practices.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before joining the firm, Victoria practiced as an associate attorney at a national US law firm after a summer associate internship during her first and second years in law school at the same firm. Before becoming a lawyer, Victoria worked as a bankruptcy counselor—providing comprehensive financial assessments for individuals in bankruptcy and educating them on using available resources to meet their short-term priority expenses and support their long-term financial goals.

She received her law degree from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. She was an executive board member of the University's Moot Court Team, Black Law Students Association, Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law Society. During law school, she also served as a teaching assistant for legal writing, legal research, and appellate advocacy.

Victoria's sophisticated oral advocacy skills have garnered her trial practice and mediation awards. She has also presented on several topics, including shifting the costs of discovery in litigation, focusing on federal and state court treatment of electronically stored information, and ethical considerations in social media.

As a zealous supporter of pro bono legal services, Victoria has spent numerous hours providing free legal and appellate services to the underprivileged through her participation in local and statewide legal aid organizations. She worked with the Florida Capital Resource Center, where she assisted attorneys defending capital cases, and has worked on pro bono appellate cases. For her service, Victoria received the pro bono service award.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in Texas* by The National Black Lawyers
- Texas Rising Stars list (2021-2024)
- Florida Rising Stars list (2017-2020)
- *Florida Supreme Court Pro Bono Award* (2015-2018)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD)
  - Coaching Circle, Group Leader (2023)
  - LCLD Alumni Symposium Committee (2023)
  - Pathfinder Facilitator (2022)
  - Member, Technology and Connectivity Committee (2020-2021)
  - Member, Advocacy Group (2022)
  - Pathfinder (2018)
  - 1L Scholar (2012)
- Dallas Bar Association's 2023 Class of Women Empowered to Lead in the Legal Profession
- Dallas Bar Association Minority Participation Committee, Member (2023)
- Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation, Board Member (2023)
- Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee, Hillsborough County Bar Association (2016-2018)

- Associate, Clifford Cheatwood Inn of Court (2014-2016) - Won Best Program of the Year

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, *AI Use by Experts: Privilege, Work Product, and Litigation Risk,* 2026
- Moderator, *Diversity in Management: A Panel Discussing Recent Trends Impacting DEI Initiatives,* 2023
- Presenter, *The In-House Counsel's Arbitration Playbook: Best Practices and Current Trends,* 2022
- Panel Speaker, *Technically Speaking: Boomers, Xers, and Millennials - Generational Diversity and Legal Technology Competence,* 2017
- Presenter, *Ethical Considerations in Social Media,* 2015
- Presenter, *Cost-shifting in E-Discovery,* 2012

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2014 *(cum laude)*
- B.A., Georgia State University, 2008

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Florida
- Bar of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

LANGUAGES

- English

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 14 September 2026, Litigation Minute: Text-Message Marketing in Texas, One Year After SB 140
- 29 September 2022, Litigation Minute: Protect Your Company Against Mass Arbitrations
- 20 September 2022, Litigation Minute: No Relief From Judges in Mass Arbitration Challenges
- September 2022, September 2022 Accolades
- 13 September 2022, Litigation Minute: The Changing Landscape of Mass Claims Procedures
- 6 September 2022, Litigation Minute: What Is Mass Arbitration?
- 6 September 2022, Banks Take Notice: FDIC Continues Regulatory Scrutiny of Fees Charged to Consumers
- 17 May 2022, Litigation Minute: Navigating Government Inquiries After a Data Security Incident
- 26 October 2021, Banks and Non-Banks Beware: New Types of Redlining Claims are on the Horizon
- 14 July 2021, Not "If" But "When"—The Ever Increasing Threat of a Data Breach in 2021
- 23 June 2021, Litigation Minute: Provisional Remedies in Federal Court: A Minute on Prejudgment Writs
- 11 November 2020, Congratulations to Our Diverse and Women Lawyers

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "The Evolving Landscape of Business Email Compromise Litigation — A Focus on Texas," *The Texas Lawbook*, 16 March 2023
- "Banks Take Notice: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Continues Regulatory Scrutiny of Fees Charged to Consumers," *The Banking Law Journal,* January 2023
- "Mortgage Lenders Must Prioritize Anti-Bias Compliance," *Law360*, 8 December 2022
- *11th Circ. Ruling May Mark Turning Point For TCPA Litigation*, Law360, September 6, 2019
- *Standing in Foreclosure Cases: Still a Recurring Issue*, July 28, 2016
- *Amended FRCP 26(b) in Action: Trio of Recent Northern District of California Cases Address Who Has the Burden of Establishing the Proportionality Requirement*, March 8, 2016

NEWS & EVENTS

- 19 December 2022, K&L Gates Adds 40 Lawyers to Firm's Partnership
- 2 November 2020, Numerous K&L Gates Diverse and Women Lawyers Recognized for Leadership and Legal Accomplishments

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Financial Institutions and Services Litigation
- IP Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Physical AI and Autonomous Systems
- Technology