



## DeAnne P. Claire

Of Counsel

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DeAnne (Dee Dee) Claire first fell in love with the courtroom while competing in mock trial in law school. Like a duck to water, she took to litigation almost nearly effortlessly, persuading juries, convincing judges, and charming adversaries. Dee Dee further honed her trial skills during her tenure with the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the State Bar of Texas, designed to be the bar's "law office." A fortuitous encounter (and short but beloved stint) with a boutique law firm specializing in the defense of insurance claims – from trucking accidents to premises liability – led to her love of insurance defense litigation.

In addition to insurance defense, Dee Dee also has experience with veterinary malpractice cases, lawyer discipline representation, and simple estate planning.

### **Veterinary Malpractice**

Dee Dee has successfully handled veterinary malpractice cases brought against licensed veterinarians for alleged harm to animals in their care, from household pets to farm animals. These matters are filed with the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, with the vets represented through their errors and omissions carriers.

### **Education**

- Texas Southern University – Thurgood Marshall School of Law (J.D., 1991)
  - President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Student Bar Association
  - Second Place Team, Excellence in Trial Advocacy Award, Thelen Marrin Johnson & Bridges Mock Trial Competition
  - Secretary, Moot Court Board
- Spelman College (B.A. Political Science, 1987)

### **Services**

- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Lawyers' Liability
- Trusts & Estates

**Bar Admissions**

- Texas
- Pennsylvania

**Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division

**Professional Affiliations**

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society
- Board Member, State Bar of Texas, African American Lawyers Section, 2009

**Awards & Honors**

Commendation, State Bar of Texas, for service on the Lawyers' Assistance Program Committee, 2016

**Languages**

- Spanish