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Meina Heydari is a litigation attorney focusing on commercial litigation, professional liability litigation and securities. She represents a wide range of individuals and companies, including accountants, lawyers, title companies and financial institutions. Meina also has experience in a variety of personal injury matters, including products liability, negligence and premises liability. She is committed to ensuring her clients fully understand the complexities of the legal process and to providing them with the best possible outcome.

While completing her law degree, Meina served as an Articles Editor for the *Texas A&M Journal of Property Law*, a research assistant for professors of Professional Responsibility and Intellectual Property, and a student attorney in the Texas A&M Trademark & Copyright Clinic. She gained invaluable experience in business and commercial litigation through her internships with the Civil Trial Section of the United States Department of Justice Tax Division, a Dallas-based boutique intellectual property firm and a Fort Worth-based commercial real estate firm. Meina published an article in the *American University Health Law & Policy Brief*, which was cited by the Texas Supreme Court in 2022.

### Education

- Texas A&M University School of Law (J.D., 2021)
  - Articles Editor, Texas A&M Journal of Property Law
- Texas A&M University (B.S., 2018)

### Bar Admissions

- Texas

### Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Securities
- Financial Services
- Professional Liability & Services

- District of Columbia

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Young Lawyers Association
- Dallas Women Lawyers Association
- Texas Aggie Bar Association

## **Client Wins**

### **Brinker and Heydari Secure Summary Judgment in Legal Malpractice Case**

Craig Brinker (Partner–Dallas, TX) and Meina Heydari (Associate–Washington, D.C.) obtained dismissal of a legal malpractice and gross negligence case in the 401st District Court of Collin County, on behalf of Wilson Elser’s clients, a law firm and two attorneys. Our clients had represented the plaintiff in an earlier child custody case. The pro se plaintiff alleged that in the underlying matter, the attorneys failed to adequately represent her during a contested temporary orders hearing in a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR) action involving custody and support issues concerning her minor son, and sought actual and exemplary damages.

Craig and Meina filed a no-evidence motion for summary judgment under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 166a(h)(3), arguing that because the plaintiff’s claims turned on her attorneys’ litigation strategy in a complex family-law proceeding, expert testimony was required to establish the breach and causation elements of her claims. They further argued that the plaintiff’s failure to designate any experts, despite receiving a thirty-day extension of the designation deadline, warranted dismissal. Craig and Meina also successfully opposed the plaintiff’s invocation of the “common knowledge” exception and request for additional discovery, establishing that the absence of expert testimony was a dispositive deficiency that further discovery could not cure. The court granted Wilson Elser’s motion and dismissed the plaintiff’s claims against all three defendants with prejudice.