

# KATHERINE H. STEPP

## PARTNER

Katherine Stepp represents a national clientele of plaintiffs and defendants in complex civil litigation matters. Stepp's practice is primarily focused on toxic tort, commercial litigation, premises liability, product liability, catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, oil & gas litigation, and employment litigation.

Stepp joined Deans & Lyons when it was founded in 2008. Prior to that, Stepp practiced at the Dallas office of Beirne, Maynard & Parsons. Stepp has considerable trial experience in both bench and jury trial settings. She is active in a number of legal and business organizations in the Dallas area.



## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appeals
- Business Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability
- Real Estate Litigation
- Wrongful Death

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas - 2004

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

## **EDUCATION**

- Southern Methodist University School of Law
- J.D. - 2004
- Chaminade University of Honolulu
- B.A. magna cum laude - 2000
- Major: Political and Historical Studies

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

- "Geothermal, Trespass and the Rule of Capture-A 'Hot' Topic", The Energy Law Advisor, The Institute for Energy Law of the Center for American and International Law, Volume 3, No. 2-July 2009.
- Character Evidence, Subsequent Remedial Measures, and Offers of Settlement, University of Houston CLE Program, 2008

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- "Master Advocate" Award, SMU
- Chief in Criminal Defense Clinic, SMU
- Executive Director of Moot Court Board, SMU
- Interscholastic Director of Board of Advocates, SMU
- Programs Director of Student Bar Association, SMU (2001)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Leadership Class (2008)
- Higginbotham American Inn of Courts (2007 - 2008)
- Texas Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters (2008-2010)
- Invitation to Speak at the SMU Geothermal Energy Utilization Associated with Oil & Gas Development Conference: Presenting on "Texas Precedence Regarding Trespass by Fracture, Rule of Capture & its Effect on the Geothermal Industry" (2009 - Present)

- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation Fellows
- “Best Lawyers in Dallas”, *D Magazine* (2017)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association, Bar None Production Company Committee
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Institute for Energy Law, Advisory Board Member
- The Trinity Trust Society
- Dallas Bar Association, Mock Trial Committee
- Dallas Bar Association, Peer Assistance Committee
- Dallas Bar Association, Energy Law Section, Member
- Dallas Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section, Member
- Dallas Bar Association, Labor & Employment Section , Member
- Dallas Bar Association, Trial Skills Section, Member
- American Bar Association, Member