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Business Litigation

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Audrey Momanaee is an experienced trial lawyer working with clients on their most important and complex disputes. Audrey focuses on matters involving business disputes, commercial and contract claims, catastrophic property claims, construction defects and delays, and matters involving trade secret protection and litigation. She has also handled a number of internal investigations, and regularly provides pre-litigation counseling for clients, including those in the energy sector.

Audrey's practice is generally in the state and federal courts of Texas as well as arbitrations both domestic and international. She counsels clients in a variety of industries including the energy, chemical refining, and manufacturing industries.

In addition to her experience handling disputes and investigations, Audrey has counseled clients about allocating risk in agreements and is a regular speaker on the issue of contractual risk allocation and indemnities.

While in law school, Audrey served as Staff Editor for the *Texas Journal of Business Law*, Executive Director for the Legal Research Board, and Treasurer of the Survivor Support Network. In college, she was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

Select Engagements

- A chemical company in a dispute regarding contractual obligations relative to site development.
- A chemical company in a dispute regarding contractual payment obligations in long-term services contract.
- A construction and engineering company against joint venture partner in

international arbitration pertaining to the construction of a solar power plant facility in India.

- A construction company against general contractor in international arbitration pertaining to the construction of a power plant facility in New Jersey.
- A construction company in a dispute regarding post-closing indemnity obligations.
- A pipeline company in international arbitration involving a \$240+ million claim against Indian pipe manufacturers for provision of defective large line pipe.
- An oilfield services company in defending release of escrow monies in excess of two million dollars held back during purchase of a business.
- A deep-water drilling company in arbitration involving \$10+ million claim by former executives.
- Individual defendants in significant litigation involving theft of trade secrets claims.
- A specialty valve manufacturer in litigation involving theft of trade secrets claims.
- Defended a client against the payout of millions of dollars to the plaintiff arising out of an alleged business partnership.
- A construction contractor in more than two-million-dollar indemnity claim arising out of purchase of a business.
- An oilfield services company in investigation of oil spill by the Deepwater Horizon.
- An oilfield services company in catastrophic burn case involving claim in excess of \$77 million.
- An oilfield services company in multimillion-dollar death case.
- A chemical company in high-value patent infringement case related to the patent for a composition of plastic used in packaging.
- A software company in high-value patent infringement case related to the infringement of a voice recognition software patent.

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court - Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court - Western District of Texas

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Houston Association of Women Attorneys
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Bar Foundation
- State Bar of Texas

- Texas Bar Foundation
- Women's Energy Network - Houston Chapter

Education

- Texas A&M University, BS, summa cum laude
- University of Texas School of Law, JD, with honors

Recognitions

- 2022, Pro Bono Excellence Award, by State Bar of Texas
- 2021, Top Women Lawyers, by Texas Diversity Council
- 2010–2012 and 2014–2021, Texas “Rising Star” in Business Litigation, listed in *Super Lawyers*
- 2019, Top 50 Women Lawyers, by National Diversity Council

Professional Activities

Audrey serves as a member of the Litigation Sections of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association and is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation. She also serves as a member of the Houston Association of Women Attorneys Board of Directors. From 2016 to 2018, Audrey served as a board member for the Association of Iranian-American Professionals and has served as a national board member for the Iranian American Bar Association.

Audrey is president of the Houston Independent School District School Board, a member of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Board of Directors, and a member of the Community Family Centers Board of Directors.