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OVERVIEW

Beth Petronio is experienced in representing clients in a large variety of complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters. She has practiced before federal, bankruptcy and state courts, as well as domestic and international arbitration tribunals. Beth has experience in complex business cases, technology and outsourcing litigation, business fraud, deal litigation, legal malpractice defense, and ethics and professional responsibility. She has represented a varied and diverse group of clients in complex cases for over twenty years. Beth is a partner in the global complex commercial litigation and disputes practice group and also acts as an Assistant General Counsel for the firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Texas SuperLawyers, *Texas Monthly* 2014-2018
- Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40, *D Magazine*, 2002, 2006
- Texas Rising Star, *Law & Politics Magazine and Texas Monthly*, 2004-2011
- Harold F. Kleiman Award, 2003
- Star of Justice Award, Texas Access to Justice Commission, 2003
- Special Services Award, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, 2003
- President's Award, State Bar of Texas, 1998

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Foundation
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

- Board Member, Dallas Urban Debate Alliance

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1996 (*with honors, Managing Editor, The Review of Litigation*)
- B.A., Texas Christian University, 1993 (*magna cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 21 May 2020, COVID-19: A Virtual Discussion on Litigating Force Majeure (*Research Surveys*)
- 21 April 2020, COVID-19: Force Majeure Checklist for the GC's Office (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 18 March 2020, COVID-19: Applicability of Force Majeure Clauses in the United States (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 2 November 2015, EPC Contracting Issues in the Oil & Gas Industry (*Presentations*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Waiver of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction: National Trends & the Inadequacy of the Texas Response," *23 Am.J. of Crim. Law*, 1996
- "Suffer the Children: Catholic Church Liability for the Sexual Abuse Acts of Priests," *15 Review of Litigation*, 1996
- "Chronology of a Murder: A Commentary on Criminal Justice in America," *23 Am.J. of Crim. Law*, 1995
- "Child or Adult," Case Studies and Analysis of Juvenile Certification in Texas," *9 Juvenile Justice Bar Journal*, Issue 4, 1995

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- International Arbitration
- K&L Gates Trial Academy
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Securities and Transactional Litigation

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Pro bono representations of various individuals and entities, including American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, and Dallas Urban Debate Alliance.
- Representation of technology company in connection with commercial loan dispute pending before the London Court of International Arbitration.
- Representation of International Oil & Gas Company in connection with claims arising from refinery accident
- Representation of international oil trading and refining company in connection with confirmation of \$639 million arbitration award and related litigation matters, resulting in recovery of more than \$820 million.
- Representation of large investment fund in putative class action litigation
- Representation of US-based manufacturer of equipment used to grow synthetic sapphire in international arbitration.
- Representation of major telecommunications company in litigation alleging False Claims Act liability regarding collection and payment of sales taxes.
- Representation of major telecommunications company in various related arbitration proceedings regarding the sale and refurbishment of cell phones.
- Representation of international LNG company regarding appeals of various permits
- Representation of Jewel Recovery, L.P., the litigation trust for the bankruptcy estate of Zales and Gordon Jewelry Co., including the successful prosecution of one of the largest leveraged layout fraudulent transfer actions in U.S. history.
- Representation of oil & gas operator in international arbitration regarding propriety of AFEs.
- Pro Bono representations of Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation in appeals to the United States Supreme Court regarding TX IOLTA program
- Representation of medical device manufacturer in connection with international commercial dispute with various suppliers.

- Representation as outside general counsel of DII Industries Asbestos PI Trust, a \$2.6 billion post-bankruptcy trust funded by Halliburton and related subsidiaries.
- Representation of investment manager in connection with various disputes and regulatory issues.
- Representation of software company in False Claims Act litigation.
- Representation of software development company as lead national coordinating lead counsel in connection with various matters related to software implementations and contracts, including various class actions.
- Representation of former Olympic athlete in connection with litigation against the former owner of a sports nutrition center, who had made allegations against the former athlete related to steroid and drug use.
- Representation of major bank in various litigation matters, including business fraud litigation arising out of the syndication of a \$500 million loan.
- Representation of numerous former owners of roofing companies nationwide in connection with the approval of an asset sale in the bankruptcy court, as well as in litigation against former officers, directors and professionals.
- Representation of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the Livent bankruptcy in connection with claims against Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.
- Representation of a variety of bondholders in connection with class action claims against former officers, directors, accountants and underwriters of Livent, Inc
- Representation of telecommunications company in connection with various litigation and bankruptcy matters, including successful defense in a \$500 million arbitration matter and prosecution of business fraud claims arising in connection with a \$225 million acquisition.
- Representation of international investment fund in claims related to oil and gas investments
- Representation of various hospitals in connection with claims pursuant to the Texas Prompt Pay Act and related to underpayment of out-of-network healthcare claims.
- Representation of national grocery chain in connection with non-competition and trademark claims
- Representation of equipment fabricator in connection with indemnification and contractual claims related to refinery equipment.