

Gwen I. Walraven

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GWEN CREDITS HARD WORK AS THE KEY TO HER SUCCESS. CLIENTS APPRECIATE HER DEDICATION TO THEIR CASES, OUT-OF-THE BOX STRATEGIES, AND OVERALL ENTHUSIASM ABOUT THE PRACTICE OF LAW, KNOWING THEY CAN TRUST HER TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE THEIR LEGAL NEEDS.

Gwen represents individuals and business clients in litigation throughout the United States across a range of industries, from telecommunications providers to commercial landlords.

Commercial Litigation

A seasoned litigator, Gwen has helped clients resolve disputes including breach of contract related to various types of business agreements such as employment, distributor and lease agreements. In addition, Gwen represents clients in litigation related to real estate disputes, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference and other business issues.

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

For corporate creditors and lenders, Gwen assists with the collection of defaulted loans, foreclosure of secured properties and perfection of lien claims, as well as lawsuits based on promissory notes, guarantees and unpaid accounts. She also represents secured and unsecured creditors in their efforts to obtain maximum recovery in bankruptcy proceedings.

Probate Litigation

Gwen has extensive experience representing clients in probate disputes, including executor and executrix representation.

Prior to beginning her legal career, Gwen spent five years in the television industry, producing and directing live sports and news programming. A decade-plus resident of Richardson, Texas, Gwen dedicates her time to serving her community, when not practicing law.

Representative Experience

- Obtained a multimillion-dollar settlement on behalf of the majority owner in a highly contentious business divorce.
- Successfully defended a provider of telecommunications, engineering, electrical construction and project management services and a supplier of related equipment in a breach of contract dispute. Obtained a take-nothing judgment against the plaintiffs and obtained a judgment in excess of a half a million dollars in favor of the defendants on their counterclaims.
- Obtained a temporary restraining order and temporary injunction against a former employee/software developer and his new employer prohibiting the use of certain software and communications with client's existing and potential customers.
- On behalf of an out-of-state plaintiff, domesticated an order permitting repossession of equipment valued at more than \$750,000 wrongfully detained in Texas and successfully coordinated the equipment retrieval.
- Represented a transportation broker in securing a favorable settlement in a breach of contract dispute.
- Secured a favorable settlement on behalf of an inmate-telecommunications provider following a five-week jury trial in a case involving client's alleged wrongful termination of a patent-license agreement related to 15 telecommunications equipment and software patents.
- Successfully garnished significant funds and other assets in furtherance of collection of judgments totaling more than \$5 million.
- Routinely obtains judgments in favor of suppliers of construction products and equipment and conducts post-judgment efforts, including garnishment actions and post-judgment discovery, to collect on the judgments.

Noteworthy

- Received the "Rotary Ethics Award" from the Richardson East Rotary Club
- Selected by attorney peers as a Texas Rising Star®, *Texas Monthly*, 2007, 2013 and 2014

Activities and Memberships

- City of Richardson City Plan Commission
 - Commissioner
- Richardson East Rotary Club
 - Secretary, Club Service, Membership Chair, 2018–2024
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
 - Fellow, 2020
- Texas Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Leadership Richardson
 - Class XXVIII, Member
 - Advisor for Classes XXXI, XXXII, XXXIII, and XXXVIII
 - Leadership Richardson Alumni Association, Board of Directors, 2018–2021
- Tech Titans
 - Advocacy Team, 2014
 - Membership Services Team, 2013–2014
- Richardson Symphony Orchestra
 - Former member of the Board of Directors
- Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court
 - Former Member
- State Bar of Texas
 - Member
- Dallas Bar Association
 - Member

Publications

- "Lone Star Lawyers Podcast," *Varsity Search*, interviewed; February 15, 2021.
- "Preparing for a Slowdown in Accounts Receivable Collection Due to COVID-19," National Association of Credit Management eNews Newsletter, co-author; April 2, 2020.

Presentations

- "Asset Seizures – How to Seize Assets and Improve your Bottom Line," The Credit & Finance Development Division (CFDD) Portland Chapter Credit Retreat, co-presenter; March 15, 2024.
- "COVID-19 Business Legal Alert: Navigating the New Normal," Richardson Chamber of Commerce, presenter; March 26, 2020.
- "COVID-19 Tips for Creating Policies and Procedures for a Safe Work Environment," Richardson Young Professionals, presenter.

Credentials

Education

- JD, Baylor University School of Law, 2004
- BS, Stephens College, *cum laude*, 1996

Admissions

- Texas
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas