



## **Ann Austin**

*Partner*

**Persistent. Tenacious. Committed.**

Ann joins Stewart Law Group bringing with her thirty-plus years of solid Litigation and Management skills, with experiences in insurance defense litigation, litigation management, construction law, and employment law.

Her continued diligence has guided her to a trial strategy to win her cases when representing clients in the courtroom.

### **THE CLIENT COMES FIRST. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.**

Born and raised in Texas, Ann graduated from South Texas College of Law, clerking throughout law school. She began her career as a law clerk, clerking for the Hon. Hal M. Lattimore at the Second Court of Appeals. Her years as insurance defense counsel bring credentials in various areas of the law. Here, she learned to analyze all sides of a case, not merely one or another.

Before joining Stewart Law Group, Ann successfully defended insurance companies and corporations in the areas of trucking, products liability, premises liability, construction defects, and employment law. She has successfully tried federal and state cases in multi-party lawsuits and suits with high exposure. Ann has mediated a significant number of cases. Working toward settlement is also a goal if this is the client's preference.

Ann has built a solid reputation as an insurance defense litigator, protecting clients when thrown into the legal arena. The client's concerns are of primary importance.

### ***Admissions***

- State Bar of Texas
- US Supreme Court
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals
- Texas Eastern Bankruptcy Court
- Texas Eastern District Court
- Texas Northern Bankruptcy Court
- Texas Northern District Court

# ANN'S BACKGROUND

*"Ann is incredibly tenacious. She is committed to the representation of every client.  
A dedicated attorney, she listens to her client's needs."*

## **Representative Matters**

Litigated the insurance company's first high-risk/exposure case with a successful outcome.

- Successful first-chair verdicts in federal and state trials.
- Defense of trucking companies subsequent to high exposure incidents.
- Defense of apartment complexes, claims of construction defects, and assault.
- Defense of construction companies, defects, and site equipment.
- Counsel for multiple insurance companies, successfully brought national class action suits to a close.
- Successful motion for summary judgment distinguishing sworn and non-sworn officers.
- Litigated many commercial, high-exposure, complex files.

## **Legal Experience**

- Partner, Stewart Law Group PLLC | 2022 - Present
- Senior Associate, Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP | 2021 - 2022
- Chavez Legal Group | 2018 -2021
- Owner, Ann S. Austin, Attorney at Law | 2018
- Bankruptcy Representation | 2007 - 2010
- Insurance Defendant Litigation | 1998 - 2007

## **Education**

- South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas (J.D.) | 1987

## **Publications**

- Co-Authored Construction Update, 1992 Meeting of Invited Attorneys, CNA Ins. Cos. | March 1992
- Authored Policies and Procedures, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Dallas

## **Volunteering**

- Chancel Choir member, Executive Board, United Methodist Women, | May 2010 - Present
- Executive Committee, United Methodist Woman
- NETWORK of Community Ministries
- Wesley Rankin Community Center
- Mission: Back to School
- Totebags for children and the homeless