



Andrea Cook

Partner

Dedicated. Diligent. Tenacious.

Andrea delivers results. Ultimately, what sets her apart is her tenacity, vision, and ability to develop and execute game plans necessary to meet the client's goals. Andrea is a team player who wants her clients to know that as a team, she will always work with them to get the win.

ASSIGNED THE TOUGHEST TASKS

Before moving to Texas, Andrea served as a municipal attorney for the City of Chicago, where she gained valuable trial experience defending in police misconduct cases involving false arrest, false imprisonment, excessive force, and wrongful death. Andrea tried cases to verdict in administrative hearings, state court, and federal court. She also served as a part-time arbitrator on a three-arbitrator panel for small civil cases.

Andrea has expanded her practice to include labor and employment matters, including offering advice and counsel, labor arbitrations, and investigations involving workplace complaints. Andrea has parlayed this experience and love for labor and employment into a thriving docket and hopes to expand in this area for years to come.

READY TO BE ON DEFENSE FOR HER CLIENTS

Andrea has an extensive advantage to thrive in many sectors, including but not limited to handling and defending complex expert and corporate matters. Additionally, she is experienced in defending clients in complex litigation involving product liability, trucking claims, business litigation, and catastrophic injuries.

LEAVES IT ALL ON THE COURT

Andrea prides herself on being responsive, tenacious, and grounded. She believes her job is to fulfill the task at hand while putting forth her best effort. Andrea's drive stems from her inability to give up. She fearlessly addresses legal issues and takes full responsibility for every project she manages, working tirelessly to ensure that clients come first and their needs are met. Andrea is the lawyer you can count on.

Matters

- Negotiated a favorable settlement for an extremely contentious fault catastrophic transportation matter for a major furniture company
- Won a summary judgment for a national logistics company concerning third-party liability and indemnity that is being used for all similar cases filed across the country
- Represented several retail companies and developed a strategic approach to early settlements in Texas to keep costs low
- Managed a large docket of cases involving a national home goods store, with cases stemming from premises liability to wrongful detentions
- Negotiated numerous favorable settlements regarding fitness equipment for major national manufacturers
- Prepared trial team for novel secondary liability cases involving wrongful death and catastrophic injuries
- Constitutional Law/Section 1983: Prepared for numerous police misconduct trials and took 5 to verdict in first, second, and third chair roles

ANDREA'S BACKGROUND

"Andrea works day and night to ensure that the client comes first, and their needs are met."

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. Illinois State Bar Association
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Illinois
- Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois

Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Commercial Litigation "Best Lawyers" | 2024

Education

- J.D., Howard University School of Law
- M.P.S., DePaul University-School of Public Services, Metropolitan Planning and Urban Affairs
- B.S., Northwestern University, Communication Studies

Prior Legal Experience

- Partner, Stewart Law Group PLLC | 2022 - Present
- Senior Counsel, Clark Hill, LLP | 2022
- Partner, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP | 2019 - 2021
- Senior Associate, Hawkins, Parnell, Thackston & Young, LLP | 2017 - 2019
- Senior Associate, Thompson, Coe Cousins, and Irons LLP | 2013 - 2017
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago Department of Law, Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division | 2006 - 2013
- Law Clerk and Prosecutor, Cook County States' Attorney's Office, Criminal Appeals Section | 2005 - 2006

Associations, Affiliations, and Bar Activities

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section- Labor and Employment Relations Committee Co-Chair | 2023 - present
- Dallas Bar Association 100 Club | 2023 - present
- J.L. Turner Legal Association, CLE Committee Co-Chair and Sparkler Committee | 2022-2023
- Dallas Women Lawyers Association
- Black Women Lawyers Association
- DWLA- The Pitch Participant
- Defense Research Institute
- The NEW Roundtable, Provisional Member
- "We Lead." Leadership Program, 2021 Member
- Howard University School of Law Alumni Association
- Academy of Our Lady Alumna Association
- Northwestern University Alumni Association
- University of North Texas, Adjunct Professor

Legal Publications & Presentations

- Texas Association of Defense Counsel (TADC) Deposition Bootcamp | October 19, 2023
- Advanced Personal Injury Law- Preparing and Defending Experts | July 2023
- Dallas NITA Trial Program "Building Trial Skills" | May 2023
- TexasBarCLE 36th Annual Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course "Rule 202: Best Practices" | April 2023
- HCBA David H. Hockema Civil Trial Conference "Initiating Litigation" | April 2023

Community Engagement & Volunteering

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Women's Advocacy Awards Committee Member | 2023 - present
- 9/11 Day Dallas Meal Pack | September 2023
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated-Executive Board Member and Membership Chair | 1999- present
- Junior League of Collin County, Provisional Member