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Jervonne has extensive experience representing clients in complex civil and business litigation matters at both the trial and appellate levels. Jervonne's excellence in the field has garnered her recognition in *The Best Lawyers in America®* in 2021–2024, *Texas Super Lawyers' "Rising Stars"* in 2021–2022, and *D Magazine's "Best Lawyers Under 40"* in 2022. Her clientele regularly includes Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, corporate officers, and individuals.

Jervonne's practice focuses on representing Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, corporate officers, and individuals across a range of complex civil and business litigation matters such as trusts and estates, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, business torts, non-compete disputes, oil and gas, and intellectual property disputes, including trade secrets, trademark infringement, and more. Her optimistic approach, unyielding work ethic, and "outside-the-box" dispute resolution strategies are highly respected among the legal community and by her clients. Jervonne's ability to synthesize and create streamlined arguments, as well as her execution during trials, yields successful results and speedy resolutions. Her experience with both the district and appellate courts has proved invaluable when it comes to her motions practice, appellate research and writing, oral arguments, and trial strategy with clients.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas School of Law, *summa cum laude*, Jervonne clerked for the Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Honorable Denzil

Price Marshall Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Jervonne is committed to the advancement of diversity initiatives both in the legal field and in her community, and regularly participates in various diversity and inclusion programs in the city, and throughout the state of Texas. She currently serves as chairperson of the Practice section of the Dallas Bar Association Equality Committee, where she leads a group of outside and in-house counsel in efforts to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies in the law firm setting. Jervonne frequently speaks on panels and presents on the topic of diversity and its importance in the legal profession. In addition to practicing law, Jervonne serves her community as a motivational speaker for various outreach and church events, touching on numerous topics such as purpose, faith, and destiny.

Prior to joining Winston & Strawn, Jervonne was a partner for a highly regarded, *Chambers*-ranked boutique litigation firm in Dallas.

Key Matters

- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a Fortune 500® processing services company, reducing her client's potential damages exposure by nearly 50 percent.
- Obtained complete defense verdict against claims of patent infringement totaling \$76 million in alleged damages.
- Obtained summary judgment for global health care company against claims of misappropriation of trade secrets and tortious interference.
- Obtained dismissal of all claims against a Fortune 500® company in the federal district court of Montana.
- Utilized creative tactical litigation methods to protect former business partner's interest in partnership assets moved across state lines and obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of client after just two weeks of settlement discussions.
- Spearheaded initial litigation strategy in complex trust and business dispute related to the large Texas ranching operation and property owned by the trust leading to favorable settlement on behalf of trustee of multi-million-dollar trust.
- Within weeks of filing the lawsuit, successfully resolved a breach of contract dispute on behalf of a major world-wide career placement agency by obtaining a favorable settlement without the expense of traditional discovery and motion practice.
- Conducted depositions of several top executives of major sporting event companies on the west and east coasts on behalf of an online event registration company, which proved instrumental in securing a dismissal of claims and settlement that saved the client from millions of dollars of litigation and damages exposure.
- Advanced strategic and cutting-edge motion practice on behalf of the founder and CEO of a major investment company in a breach of contract dispute that resulted in a favorable settlement.
- Provided innovative research and critical analysis to settlement demand proposal on behalf of an investment banking officer of a prominent banking institution in an employment discrimination dispute leading to a favorable pre-lawsuit settlement.
- Obtained order vacating default judgment on behalf of a former business partner in a business dispute through inventive appellate briefing.
- Obtained favorable settlement on a pro bono matter for Advocates for Community Transformation, assisting neighbors of community protect their communities from loitering and crime.
- Defeated alter ego, fraud, and breach of contract claims at trial for a nationwide hospital management company.

Recognitions

- Recognized, *D Magazine*, “Best Lawyers Under 40,” 2022
 - Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021–2024
 - Recognized, *Super Lawyers*, “Texas Rising Star,” 2021–2022
 - Shortlisted for *Chamber’s* “Diversity & Inclusion: Future Leader Award,” 2021
 - Recognized, *National Diversity Council*, “Dallas’ Top 50 Women Lawyers,” 2019
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Activities

- Board Member, WiNGS Inc.
 - Board Member, Dallas Women Lawyers Association Foundation 2023
 - Dallas Women Lawyers Association
 - Panel Member of the District 6 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas
 - Dallas Bar Association’s Allied Bars Equality Committee
 - Dallas Bar Association’s WE LEAD
 - Dallas Bar Association
 - Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
 - J. L. Turner Legal Association
 - Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court, Associate, 2017–2018
 - The N.E.W. Roundtable, Member
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Credentials

EDUCATION

Jervonne received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2013. She received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Arkansas State University.

ADMISSIONS

- Arkansas
- Texas

CLERKSHIPS

- USCA - Eighth Circuit for the Honorable Bobby E. Shepherd
- USDC - Eastern District of AR for the Honorable Denzil Price Marshall Jr.

Related Insights & News

- Privilege and Perspectives, DBA Equality Committee, DEI Done Right – Navigating the Changing Landscape, Panelist, 2023
- “*May it Please the Court: Panel Discussion on the Do’s and Don’ts of Litigation and Presentation to the Court,*” JL Turner Legal Association, Moderator, Mar. 1, 2023
- “*Practice What You Preach: How to Implement and Maintain Impactful DEI Programs and Better Protect Your Initiatives from Litigation Risks,*” North Texas SHRM Educational Luncheon, Presenter, 2022
- D CEO’s Women Leaders in Law, Panelist, 2022
- “*Tips on Cross-examination,*” ABA Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Conference, Co-presenter, 2019
- “*Protecting the In-House Attorney-Client Privilege,*” 44th Annual Ernest E. Smith Oil Gas and Mineral Law Institute, UT Law, Co-presenter, 2018
- “*Protecting the In-House Attorney-Client Privilege,*” Dallas Bar Association, Energy Law Section Review of Oil and Gas Law, XXXIII, Co-presenter, 2018
- “*Motion to Transfer Venue, Plea to Jurisdiction and Special Appearance,*” 8th Annual Trial Advocacy Workshop Series, JL Turner Legal Association, Co-presenter, 2018
- “*The Importance of Clerkships to Diversity of the Federal Judiciary,*” The United States Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference, Panelist, 2016

NEWS

Jervonne Newsome Leads Dallas Bar Association’s DEIB Toolkit Launch

MARCH 26, 2024

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Jervonne Newsome Speaks at the North Texas SHRM 2023 Legal Symposium

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Team Led by Tom Melsheimer Highlighted in Litigator of the Week Column

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2024

AUGUST 17, 2023

SPONSORSHIP

Winston & Strawn Partner Jervonne Newsome Leads Conversation with Author Helen Wan of *The Partner Track Series*

JULY 19, 2023

SPONSORSHIP

Winston Sponsors Judges' Panel Discussion on Litigation and Presentation to the Court

MARCH 1, 2023

IN THE MEDIA

Jervonne Newsome Joins Winston & Strawn in Dallas

OCTOBER 21, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Adds Experienced Litigator Jervonne Newsome to Dallas Office

OCTOBER 18, 2022

Capabilities

Commercial Litigation & Disputes

Trade Secrets, Non Competes & Restrictive Covenants

Labor & Employment

Professional Services