



Maria S. Korzendorfer

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PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Disputes
Professional Licensure & Defense

EDUCATION

J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of
Arkansas School of Law (2016)

- Articles Editor, *Arkansas Law Review*
- Charles Thomas Pearson Essay
Fellow for Morals and Ethics in the
Law

Federal Law Clerk, U.S. District Court
for the Eastern District of Arkansas,
Hon. Kristine G. Baker (2017-2018)

B.S., University of Arkansas Fulbright
College of Arts and Sciences (2006)

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Supreme Court of Texas

Admitted to the U.S. District Courts for
the Western, Eastern, Northern, and
Southern Districts of Texas

Admitted to the U.S. District Court for
the District of Maryland

Admitted to the U.S. District Court for
the District of Colorado

Admitted to the Missouri (Circuit)



Maria strives to win. She's obsessive about careful research, thorough preparation, and **understanding her client's business and goals.**

OVERVIEW

Great attorneys aren't born—they're the result of a lifetime's worth of work and experience. When you retain an attorney, you're ideally engaging a diverse set of personal and professional experiences that give that lawyer the judgment, analytical abilities, and the aptitude to be a true, trusted advisor. Knowledge of the law alone isn't nearly enough to build a first-class lawyer, in the same way that knowing the rules of a game won't get you to the championship. Maria Korzendorfer stands as a perfect example of this.

Maria brings to her work an exceptionally varied array of experiences that make her an effective and strategic construction litigator in Texas. She spent eight years traveling through three continents teaching English before law school and then emerged into the competitive and demanding role of a federal law clerk immediately upon obtaining her law degree. From there, Maria entered private practice as a litigator, defending a wide range of

clients in bet-the-company disputes.

As a construction litigator, Maria's goal is to get her clients through the litigation process as successfully as possible. This means being thoroughly informed about the client's business, the dispute at hand, the applicable law, and the construction project at issue. She strives to communicate clearly with her clients in whatever fashion and frequency works for them.

Maria also aims to win. She's obsessive about careful research, thorough preparation, and above all, crystal clear writing. The experience of drafting judicial opinions for a federal judge to review made this a paramount skill, together with economy and precision in research and drafting. Maria harnesses these capabilities to power her advocacy, and she is especially skilled and effective at motion practice. With her writing, analytical, and research abilities, Maria can often provide her clients with a major strategic advantage right from the outset.

Finally, as a practitioner, Maria prioritizes her energetic service to her clients above all—working to be as profoundly prepared as she is ethically and morally sound. Her representation experience includes representing owners, design professionals, and contractors in litigation, close-out disputes, and licensing challenges. Her practice focuses on large scale commercial, civil, high-end residential, and institutional projects, including multi-family residential projects and university buildings.

In her spare time, she enjoys every conceivable outdoor activity, from hiking glaciers to running, kayaking, rock climbing, and biking. She also says she “will jump off of or out of anything high” and enjoys doing things like parasailing. Compared to that, a summary judgment argument is a piece of cake.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented university system against \$21M delay claim made by general contractor on new campus project resulting in favorable settlement for university.
- Defended national engineering and surveying firm in multiparty lawsuit involving \$15,000,000 claim for business/property loss and nine-figure claims for catastrophic personal injuries arising from pipeline explosion in West Texas, resulting in favorable settlement for client.
- Obtained full dismissal with no administrative penalties of Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (TBPELS) complaints against engineers involving allegations of unlawful use of engineering seal.
- Successfully negotiated project close-out agreement on behalf of design-build contractor.
- Secured zero-dollar dismissal of injury claims against supplier of residential building materials.

- Represented large international design firm in multimillion-dollar federal lawsuit over disaster recovery services performed in wake of Gulf Coast hurricane resulting in negotiated resolution.
- Represented national architecture firm against \$6,000,000 claim arising from design and construction of military retirement facility resulting in favorable settlement to architecture firm.
- Represented architecture firm on appeal challenging deficient Certificate of Merit against client, resulting in favorable settlement to architecture firm.
- Successfully settled claims of design defect against surveying firm on boundary dispute.
- Represented subcontractor in payment dispute with general contractor and secured payment of outstanding retainage.
- Successfully negotiated release of bond claim by supplier against general contractor.
- Represented national design professional on appeal involving deficient Certificate of Merit filed by claimant against client (appeal pending).

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- State Bar of Texas, Construction Law Section | Member (Present)
- State Bar of Texas, Litigation Section | Member (Present)
- State Bar of Texas, Appellate Law Section | Member (Present)
- State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Section | Member (Present)
- State Bar of Texas, Insurance Law Section | Member (2022-2023)

AWARDS

Best Lawyers by BL Rankings

- Ones to Watch: Construction Law – Austin, Texas (2023-2024)
- Ones to Watch: Litigation, Construction – Austin, Texas (2022-2024)