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“The Art of Law is handcrafting and executing a solution-driven plan for resolving complex legal problems.”

Ms. Altman is a litigation partner at Carrington Coleman and chairs the Construction and Real Estate Litigation Practice Group. Her practice focuses on areas of construction litigation, contract disputes, real estate litigation, business torts, unfair competition and insurance coverage disputes.

Ms. Altman's construction and real estate litigation experience includes representation of owners, suppliers, contractors, lenders and developers in a variety of contractual disputes, including those arising out of workmanship and design errors, schedule delays, cost overruns, surety performance, and construction defects. Representative projects include high rises, subdivisions, schools, condominiums, retail facilities, airports, performing arts centers, hospitals, power plants, water treatment facilities, and various other government facilities.

Ms. Altman also has substantial experience in arbitration and in litigation regarding the enforceability of arbitration agreements under the Federal Arbitration Act, the Texas Arbitration Act and the Convention on the Enforcement and Recognition of Foreign Arbitral Awards. Ms. Altman also assists clients with various business immigration law matters.

From 2005 through 2010, Ms. Altman has been named by *Texas Monthly* magazine as a "Rising Star" in Texas law.

Ms. Altman serves on the steering committee of Division 12 of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry. Locally, she is the immediate Past Chair of the Board of the North Texas Clean Air Coalition, an organization that educates, engages, and recognizes the business community for taking voluntary action to improve air quality in the region. Ms. Altman resides in Midlothian, Texas, where she currently serves on the Ellis County Bond Oversight Committee in connection with a \$50 million construction project involving new courthouse, jail facility, and parking garage. Ms. Altman previously served on the Board for the Economic Development of Midlothian, Meals on Wheels of Johnson & Ellis County, and the Midlothian Parks and Recreation Board.

“The best advice I ever received from a client was to appreciate the importance of getting to know a client's business and its people.”

Education

University of Kentucky
J.D., *cum laude*, 1995
Member: Phi Delta Phi
Associate Editor, Kentucky Law Review, 1994-95

Vanderbilt University
B.A., 1992

Admittances

Texas 1995

Associations/Affiliations

Associate: Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn Of Court, 2001-2002.

Member: ABA Forum on the Construction Industry; ABA Section of Litigation, Construction Litigation Committee; American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Speaking Engagements

Speaker January 2012: Insurance in the Construction Industry: *Front End Risk Management for Construction Projects*.

Moderator Fall 2011: University of Texas Construction Conference: *Construction Litigation: Identifying the Players and Pressure Points with an Eye Toward the End Game*.

Co-Program Chair and article author: *More than Nuts and Bolts: How to Construct and Deconstruct Expert Testimony*, sponsored by ABA Section of Litigation, Construction Litigation and Expert Witness Committees and Section of Public Contract Law.

Speaker: *Lending Goes Green – What Non-Energy-Sector Borrowers Can Expect in the Future*, sponsored by the SMU Corporate Counsel Symposium.

Speaker and Author: ABA Forum on the Construction Industry, 2008 Annual Conference, *The Legislative Impact of Alternative Energy, Climate Change, and Sustainability in the Construction Industry*.

Speaker Fall 2010: University of Texas Construction Conference: *Green Building Litigation*.