

# COMMITMENTS

*I am running to ensure that the State Bar works for you – a State Bar that is transparent, accountable, thoughtful about how your dues are spent, and engages in activities for the benefit of Texas lawyers. A strong and vibrant State Bar should be a resource and source of pride for our members. The bottom line is that we are all better together.*

## I WILL LISTEN.

I will listen to your concerns, your ideas, and your solutions. I am listening now by reading your emails, attending your meetings, visiting your offices, interacting with you on social media, reading your websites, and talking by phone. That will not change when I am elected.

## I WILL ACT.

My service to the profession has been marked by action. Those actions have improved the practices of hundreds of lawyers. By establishing programs, such as Houston's Gender Fairness Taskforce, by mentoring my peers and younger lawyers, and by representing the underprivileged in our community in order to close the justice gap and increase respect for the rule of law, I have seen the difference that acting rather than simply talking makes. That will not change when I am elected.

## VOTING BEGINS

April 1, 2024

## VOTING ENDS

April 30, 2024



# PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

## The Best Lawyers in America®

Listed in Litigation – Environmental, Oil and Gas Law, Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions, and Personal Injury Litigation

## The Legal 500 US

Leading Lawyer recognition in General Commercial Disputes  
Key Lawyer recognition in Product Liability, Mass Tort, and Class Action and Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas

## Lawdragon

Listed in 500 Leading Environmental and Energy Lawyers

## Texas Super Lawyer

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## ABOUT DENISE

Denise was raised in the Midwest, becoming a Texan as a middle schooler in 1979 when her family moved to Plano. She graduated from Plano Senior High School and went on to Vanderbilt University where she met her husband, John, a native Houstonian. Denise and John attended law school together at SMU and moved to Houston to begin their practices in 1992. Denise began at Bracewell & Patterson and credits the firm's commitment to the community and encouragement of civic involvement for her long-time service to the bar and pro bono representation. Now with Winston & Strawn, she leads the litigation group in Houston and focuses on energy-related disputes and crisis management, working out of the firm's Houston and Dallas offices. Denise is immeasurably proud and grateful to have had the opportunity to be a Texas lawyer for more than 30 years. Her husband, John, has an active plaintiff practice at Caddell & Chapman with extensive experience representing families who have suffered catastrophic injuries, as well as experience with significant commercial and class action disputes. They have three children, Ellen, Mary Caroline, and Jack. Ellen is entering her seventh year with Southwest Airlines in Dallas, Mary Caroline is in her fourth year at Jefferies in Houston, and Jack just began his career at Goldman Sachs in Houston.



## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Texas Access to Justice Foundation, Director**  
**Houston Urban Debate League, Director**  
**Texas Bar Foundation Nominating Committee, Member**  
**State Bar of Texas, Past Director**  
**State Bar of Texas, Past Annual Meeting Co-Chair**  
**Houston Bar Association, Past President**  
**Houston Bar Foundation, Past Chair**  
**Dispute Resolution Center, Past Chair**  
**Houston Lawyer Referral Service, Past Chair**  
**Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Past Chair**  
**Houston Young Lawyers Association, Past President**  
**Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, Past Chair**

## PROFESSIONAL HONORS

**Houston Business Journal**  
*"Women Who Mean Business"*  
**Texas Lawyer's Texas Legal Awards**  
*"Best Mentor"*  
**National Law Journal**  
*"Trailblazer Award for Crisis Leadership"*  
**AmLaw "Litigator of the Week Runners-Up and Shout Outs"**  
**Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Association**  
**Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston, Houston Young Lawyers Association**  
**Southern Methodist University Distinguished Alumni/Emerging Leader Award**