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Overview

An accomplished trial lawyer with over 25 jury trials under her belt, Kim Kerns concentrates her practice on commercial, real estate, and construction litigation. She represents a diverse range of clients, including business owners, developers, contractors, and individuals, in complex disputes involving property rights, construction claims, and contractual matters. Her litigation experience spans both trial and arbitration settings, where she has earned a reputation for delivering strategic and results-driven advocacy.

In the real estate arena, Kim has successfully defended commercial landowners in high-stakes litigation, including cases involving implied easements and statutory water diversion claims. She routinely handles matters involving boundary disputes, trespass to try title, quiet title actions, and commercial lease disputes.

Her construction litigation practice includes representing owners, design professionals, general contractors, and subcontractors in disputes involving construction defects, warranty claims, and statutory causes of action under the Residential Construction Liability Act and the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Kim is known for her ability to distill complex legal issues into clear strategies, offering clients practical solutions backed by deep courtroom experience.

Education

- Southern Methodist University School of Law, 2011 (J.D.), cum laude
- The University of Texas at Dallas, 2007 (B.A.), cum laude

Bar Admissions

• Texas, 2011

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern 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. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Community Involvement

• Plano East Senior High School Mock Trial Team, Coach

Distinctions

• Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law

Memberships

- Dallas Bar Association
- Attorneys Serving the Community
- Dallas Asian American Bar Association
- Collin County Women Lawyers

Presentations and Publications

• "The State of Inclusion and the Role of Allyship in Turbulent Times," State Bar of Texas, Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS), 27th Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas, April 2025