



## KATE SKAGERBERG

### PARTNER

As a former prosecutor, Kate Skagerberg considers the courthouse her home away from home. Along with a tremendous amount of trial experience, she brings years of know-how investigating, evaluating, and litigating cases to a diverse docket, including products liability suits, employment disputes, accusations of professional malpractice, and criminal investigations.

One of Kate's strengths is in distilling your complex dispute down to a clear and persuasive presentation for the judge and jury – another is taking on challenging cases that most attorneys would shy away from. Kate has carved out a unique niche and has established herself as a force to be reckoned with by tackling the tough cases head on, minimizing the risk for her clients and avoiding the worst-case scenario outcome. Kate is upfront and honest with her clients, setting realistic expectations and guiding them through the most difficult decisions to ensure the best possible resolution.

Kate is active in Beck Redden's pro bono initiatives as well as recruiting for the firm. She also regularly works with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and the Houston Food Bank to serve her community.

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**RISEING STAR**  
IN TEXAS 2018 - 2020  
THOMSON REUTERS SUPER LAWYERS

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

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**Won a take nothing award following a two week trial on behalf of an international energy company** in a lawsuit alleging age discrimination brought by a senior executive who was demoted and subsequently terminated.

**Won a take nothing award in Beaumont on behalf of a prominent Texas law firm in an arbitration** filed by a former attorney of that firm asserting, among other claims, gender discrimination, harassment, and retaliatory discharge.

**Obtained a defense verdict for the manufacturer of a construction product facing subrogation claims.** In the first case of its type to go to trial, successfully defeated the insurance companies' claims that our client's product attracts lightning and is especially prone to igniting house fires when struck by lightning.

**Obtained a defense verdict for a medical device manufacturer facing design defect, failure to warn, and gross negligence claims.** Following a week of testimony, the federal jury returned a verdict finding that the client's device was not defective and did not cause the plaintiff's injuries.

**Obtained a defense verdict in arbitration for an attorney accused of malpractice** in his work on more than a dozen matters for the former clients who sued him.

**Represented a major tobacco company in Engle progeny cases** tried in Florida federal courts.

**Represented a family in successfully challenging a series of wills that bequeathed a significant portion of a widow's estate to her stockbroker.** Following a two week trial in probate court, the jury disregarded 15 consecutive wills, finding that the last valid will was one executed in 2006 that left the entire estate to the family.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

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International Association of Defense Counsel

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

Defense Research Institute

Houston Bar Association  
Association of Women Attorneys  
Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation  
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## **ADMISSIONS**

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State Bar of Texas  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
United States District Courts for the Southern, Western, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Texas  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (pro hac vice)

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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Recognized as a "Rising Star" in PI - Products: Defense by Thomson Reuters *Super Lawyers* - Texas, 2020

## **EDUCATION**

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J.D., The University of Virginia School of Law, 2008  
B.A., University of Texas, Government and Anthropology, 2003