

## Carrie Schadle



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### Education

J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law with honors  
Master of Library Science from Pratt School of Library and Information with high honors  
B.A. from Vassar College with high honors

### Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania  
Texas  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

### Related Practices

Labor & Employment  
    Covenants Not to Compete  
    Employment Litigation  
Litigation  
    Appellate  
    Construction Litigation  
    Energy Litigation  
    Health Care Litigation  
    Insurance Litigation

## Overview

Carrie's practice focuses on an array of general litigation matters across industries, which has included breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, insurance code violations, business interruption, oil and gas, medical device products liability, commercial real estate, breach of contract, personal injury defense, property damage and construction defect. Carrie has also been extensively involved in many appellate matters on behalf of her clients.

Carrie is an active Committee Member of the Firm's Women's Initiative Group.

Personal Injury & Wrongful Death  
Products Liability

## Related Industries

Construction  
Energy  
Health Care  
Insurance  
Real Estate

## Memberships

Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals  
Houston Bar Association  
Houston Heights Woman's Club  
Multiple Houston-Area Animal Rescue Organizations  
(Supporter and Member)  
State Bar of Texas  
Women's Energy Network

## Experience

### Energy Litigation

Assisted in representing two energy companies in defense of claims for breach of contract and negligence related to gas deliveries to a gas power plant. The power plant contended that gas contaminated with oil was delivered to the plant. The Firm prevailed on a motion to dismiss all claims against its clients because the power plant could not state a claim for relief as it has no contract with either company and neither pipeline owed it a duty of care.

### Energy Litigation

Assisted in representing a gas supplier for a power plant near Graham, Texas in defense of claims that it delivered dirty gas, damaging the plant and causing it to shut down for necessary repairs and replacement power. The trial court granted summary judgment on all claims. After 6.5 years, with two trips to the 14th Court of Appeals and two opinions by the Texas Supreme Court, the 14th Court of Appeals recently affirmed the judgment of the trial court.

### Owner Representation

Successfully represented the owners of several small, family, closely-held business entities, both foreign and domestic, in resisting a motion to compel arbitration. The party seeking to compel arbitration relied on three different agreements as well as federal and state law heavily favoring arbitration of disputes, but the trial court ultimately agreed that the arbitration clauses in the agreement did not apply to the claims made in the lawsuit.

## Personal Injury Defense

Assisted in representing a landlord who had been sued by two employees of a former tenant who were claiming that they had suffered severe and permanent disabilities due to mold and other contaminants present in the building. On summary judgment, the trial court agreed that under the lease and premises liability law, the landlord's responsibilities did not extend to the parts of the building that the plaintiffs were claiming made them sick.

## Products Liability Defense

Successfully prosecuted an appeal for a client who blends marine fuel where an intermediary fuel seller sought statutory indemnity under the Products Liability Act for fuel the owner of a vessel claimed damaged its ship. The seller moved for summary judgment on its statutory indemnity claim, and the trial court granted the motion. On appeal, the Firm argued that the seller had failed to prove that the underlying lawsuit was a products liability action under the statute, and the trial court agreed, reversing the judgment of the trial court.

## Health Care Products Liability

Assisted in representing a national medical testing laboratory that had been sued for damages when a genetic test done in the hospital after birth failed to reveal that the child had Down Syndrome. The plaintiffs failed to timely file the statutorily-required expert affidavits needed to maintain a health care liability claim and the firm moved to dismiss the case. The plaintiffs argued that they were not making a claim covered by the statute, but the trial court disagreed and dismissed their claim.

## Personal Injury Defense

Assisted on numerous occasions in having claims for workplace injuries dismissed against a client who uses temporary labor because the claims are barred under the Texas Workers' Compensation Statute.

## Labor & Employment Litigation

A physician left her practice group after a dispute with the owner as to how she was being compensated, and the owner sued, claiming the client was violating her employment agreement, including the non-competition provisions, and was required to buy out the provisions on the terms recited in the contract. On summary judgment, the firm successfully argued that because the provisions did not comport with state law regarding non-competition related to physicians, and the court dismissed the practice group's claims against the doctor.

## Newsroom

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Secures Significant Energy Litigation Win for West Texas Landowners

**Press Release:** Win Secured for West Texas Landowners in Energy Litigation Case

**In The News:** Leo India Films Order of Dismissal

**In The News:** 5th Circ. Won't Nix \$1.4M Arbitral Award To Taiwanese Co.

**In The News:** Texas Justices Told Emails Can't Support Breach Claims

**In The News:** Texas Justices Say Court Misread Gas Contract Ruling

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt Welcomes Eight Attorneys from Harrison Bettis McFarland to Houston Office

**Press Release:** Munsch Hardt, Harrison Bettis McFarland Join Forces to Propel Strategic Growth in Texas