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Practice Areas:

- Commercial/Business Litigation
- Family Law
- Appellate

Practice Emphasis

Claire James is an Associate in the Plano office of Cowles & Thompson, and practices in the firm's Commercial/Business Litigation, Family Law, and Appellate sections. She has represented individuals in divorce, child custody, property division, child support, post-divorce modification and enforcement actions and has represented businesses and individuals in a variety of complex matters both on the plaintiff's side and the defense side. Additionally, Claire has experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in international and domestic arbitrations.

Recent Publications

["Ninth Court of Appeals Rules Presumption of Parenthood Does Not Apply to Same-Sex Married Couples," May 2017](#)

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Southern Methodist University, 2012
- B.S., Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2005

Court Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2012

Memberships

- Texas Bar Association (Family Law & Litigation Sections)
- Dallas Bar Association (Family Law & Litigation Sections)
- Texas High School Mock Trial Program Committee
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, pro bono volunteer

Awards and Honors:

- SMU Dean's Scholarship Recipient, 2009-2012
- Articles Editor, *SMU Law Review* association
- Best Brief Nominee, 2009