

**Kyna J. Adams**

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Practice Areas

- Family Law
- Healthcare
- Tort and Insurance Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate and Business

Practice Emphasis

Kyna Adams is a Shareholder in the Tyler office of Cowles & Thompson. Her practice areas include personal injury, premises liability, hospital and nursing home litigation, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, commercial litigation, and family law. Ms. Adams has represented several health care facilities in over 150 cases throughout Texas involving issues such as medical negligence, slip and falls, contractual disputes, and regulatory compliance. In addition, she is currently a member of the litigation team that defends a large international retailer throughout North Texas in all areas of premises litigation, including slip and falls and falling merchandise, as well as multiple other areas.

Ms. Adams also has extensive experience in commercial law and has represented multiple clients in a broad range of business disputes. These include breach of contract actions, real estate disputes, corporate derivative actions, shareholder lawsuits, buy-outs, and receiverships.

Ms. Adams is also a certified attorney ad litem for the State of Texas.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

Ms. Adams regularly gives presentations to healthcare facilities, insurance companies, business owners, and other professional organizations. She has also served as a speaker for continuing education courses.

Special Honors

In 2008, Ms. Adams was named a "Texas Rising Star" by the publishers of *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics Magazine*, an honor bestowed upon less than 2.5% of attorneys in the state of Texas. Also in 2008, Ms. Adams was chosen for Class 22 of Leadership Tyler. No more than 35 professionals are selected for each class, and are chosen based upon a commitment to civic involvement and community leadership, as well as professional and personal achievement.

Professional Association Memberships

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Smith County Bar Association
 - Board of Director, 2008-2010
 - Membership Director, 2008-2010
 - Social Committee Member, 2009-2010
 - Co-Chair, Women's Section, 2007-2008
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- American Bar Association

Civic and Charitable Memberships

- PATH (People Attempting to Help)
Board of Director, 2010-2011
- Leadership Tyler Alumni Association
Member of Service Team, 2009-2010
- Tyler Chamber of Commerce
Team Leader – 2009 Membership Drive
- Smith County Habitat for Humanity
- Salvation Army of Tyler

- National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Lone Star Chapter
- Sturge-Weber Foundation

Education and Court Admissions

- J.D., magna cum laude, Oklahoma City University School of Law, 2003
 - Member, Phi Alpha Delta
- B.A., summa cum laude, Hardin-Simmons University, 2000
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 2003
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- State Bar of Texas, Certified Attorney Ad Litem