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Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Real Estate Litigation
- Family Law
- Appellate
- Insurance Coverage and Litigation

Practice Emphasis

Melinda Newman is a Senior Associate in the Commercial Litigation, Family Law, and Appellate groups of Cowles & Thompson. Her practice areas include general commercial litigation, construction, appellate, real estate litigation, and family law. Ms. Newman also has experience representing insurers in fidelity and surety insurance coverage matters.

Ms. Newman is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Dallas Bar Association, J.L. Turner Legal Association, Lawyers against Domestic Violence Committee, and the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program.

Ms. Newman received her B.B.A in Accounting from Texas A&M University in College Station in 2002, and her J.D. from SMU Dedman School of Law in 2005. Melinda was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2005.

Ms. Newman lives in DeSoto, Texas with her husband, Walter, and their son Bradley. She is an active member of the Concord Church, and in her spare time she enjoys traveling, watching college football and professional basketball, boating and chasing around her toddler.

Memberships

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Dallas Bar Association – Construction Law section
- Member, J.L. Turner Legal Association
- Member, Dallas Black Women Attorneys
- Member, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers – Lawyers Against Domestic Violence Committee
- Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program

Publications and Presentations

- Presenter, A Change is Gonna Come: Primer on Change Orders and Change Claims, Gulf coast Fidelity & Surety Institute Annual Meeting, May 29 – June 1, 2008, Boca Grande, Florida
- Co-Author, Ethical Issues in Construction Law, Gulf coast Fidelity & Surety Institute Annual Meeting, May 29 – June 1, 2008, Boca Grande, Florida

Education and Court Admissions

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 2005
- B.B.A, Texas A&M University, 2002
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 2005
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas