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# Locke Lord's Jennie Simmons Named 2024 Outstanding Business Leader in Law Honoree by Houston Business Journal

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**Jennie Simmons**, Co-Chair of Locke Lord's Corporate Practice Group, has been named a 2024 Women Who Mean Business honoree by the Houston Business Journal as an Outstanding Business Leader in Law, recognizing Houston's most successful women and business leaders. She was honored at an awards luncheon on Oct. 17 at the Marriott Marquis Houston. Finalists were chosen based on career achievement, contribution to company and city success, community involvement and leadership.

Simmons, a Partner in Locke Lord's Houston office, focuses her practice on the representation of clients in mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, divestitures, corporate restructurings, corporate governance and general corporate matters. Over the course of her career, she's led and co-led large-scale deals and represented clients in a wide range of transactions valued at up to \$5 billion, including, [Kinder Morgan's \\$1.815 billion acquisition of NextEra Energy Partners' STX Midstream](#) and [WildFire Energy's acquisition of Chesapeake Energy Corporation's Brazos Valley region of its Eagle Ford asset for \\$1.425 billion](#).

Devoted to the recruiting of women and diverse attorneys and the retention and elevation of women at all levels in the legal profession, Simmons serves on the Firm's Diversity and Inclusion, Practice Development and Lateral Hiring Committees. She also serves as a leader and mentor to Summer Associates, younger Associates and lateral hires and leads by example on how to help women enter and advance in the legal profession.

A native Houstonian, Simmons is deeply involved in the Houston community, frequently providing pro bono services to those in need and is a large supporter of the Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the State Bar of Texas, which is granted to only the top one-third of 1 percent of Texas lawyers.

[Read Houston Business Journal's Q&A with Jennie Simmons](#) (subscription may be required).

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