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Brenda defends financial institutions, mortgage servicers, and investors in complex foreclosure, bankruptcy, title, and consumer finance litigation in state and federal court, including all four Texas federal district courts.

OVERVIEW

Brenda is a Dallas-based litigator and real estate attorney representing financial institutions, mortgage servicers, investors, and businesses in high-stakes disputes in state and federal courts. She handles complex financial services litigation, title and real estate controversies, wrongful foreclosure defense, breach of contract claims, and business torts and fraud. She also defends claims under federal and state consumer finance laws, including the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), and the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), as well as state and federal unfair and deceptive acts and practices laws.

Brenda has represented lenders and mortgagees in litigation, foreclosure, bankruptcy, eviction, title examination, and title curative matters. Brenda manages high-volume, multijurisdictional dockets and is admitted in every U.S. district court in Texas. Outside the courtroom, she develops compliance and operational resources for clients. Earlier in her career, she worked for Capital One, N.A., and Fannie Mae.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Consumer Financial Services
- Financial Services

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section
- Real Estate Legislative Affairs Committee (86th, 87th, 88th & 89th Legislative Sessions)
- Vice?chair, City of Richardson Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Richardson Woman’s Club

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

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EDUCATION

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, LL.M., 2009, taxation
- Texas A&M University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2007
- University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 2002, English

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, “Legislative Update: Significant Bills of the 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session Affecting Real Estate, Lending and Other Commercial Matters.”
- Co-author, “Legislative Update: Significant Bills of the 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session Affecting Real Estate, Lending and Other Commercial Matters.”
- Co-author, “Legislative Update: Significant Bills of the 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session Affecting Real Estate, Lending and Other Commercial Matters.”
- Co-author, “Legislative Update: Significant Bills of the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session Affecting Real Estate, Lending and Other Commercial Matters.”
- Created Texas probate and deceased borrower summary for foreclosure procedures for nationwide mortgage servicer.
- Authored Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act reference materials for a major mortgage servicer’s internal policies and procedures.
- Developed firm training materials addressing new RESPA and TILA requirements following the Dodd Frank Act.

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