# Mia Lorick

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Mia's Texas Supreme Court arguments, unanimous jury verdicts in favor of clients across various courts, and dedication to diversity and inclusion make her a trusted advisor in commercial, real estate, and energy litigation, as well as civil appeals.

## OVERVIEW

Mia represents large energy companies and real estate developers in high-stakes business disputes. She handles breach of contract claims, business tort litigation, partnership conflicts, and property-related disputes that threaten major investments and business operations.

Energy companies — including power generation, oil and gas, and renewable energy operators — turn to Mia when major disputes arise with vendors, contractors, or business partners. She has defended energy companies against multimillion-dollar damage claims, litigated disputes involving plant construction and operational issues, resolved property disputes affecting operations, and navigated matters involving the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

Real estate developers rely on Mia to protect large-scale projects. She litigates disputes with contractors that threaten development timelines, resolves partnership conflicts, obtains enforcement of purchase agreements, and handles complex title disputes. Her background as a licensed real estate agent gives her practical, real-world insight into exactly what's at stake in each development dispute.

As a Texas board-certified civil appellate lawyer, Mia offers clients a strategic advantage during all stages of litigation — not only defending them at trial and protecting their wins on appeal, but also spotting appellate issues early in litigation. She has first-chair trial experience with unanimous jury verdicts and has argued appeals before the Texas Supreme Court and multiple Texas Courts of Appeals.

Her approach centers on aligning litigation strategy with practical business goals. She partners with clients to determine whether settlement or trial best serves their objectives, whether that means preserving key business relationships, defending their reputation, or ensuring contracts are enforced. This client-focused strategy earned her recognition as a BTI Client Service All-Star. Clients choose Mia when they need a litigator who understands their industry, protects their interests from trial through appeal, and delivers responsive service aligned with their business priorities.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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- Tried a jury trial and obtained a unanimous jury verdict in a commercial real estate dispute.
- In a bench trial, received a result in favor of a landowner involved in a real estate transactions dispute.
- Tried a jury trial and obtained a unanimous jury verdict in a breach of contract dispute.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the Fourteenth Court of Appeals on the lack of derivative standing for nonprofit corporations under the Texas Business and Organizations Code.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the First Court of Appeals in a legal malpractice case.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the Fifth Court of Appeals on a motion to show authority.
- Handled an appeal in favor of the client to the First Court of Appeals in a breach of contract and declaratory judgment dispute.
- Briefed and argued an appeal in favor of the client to the Thirteenth Court of Appeals on a motion for sanctions under the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Chapter 10.
- Handled a mandamus in favor of the client to the First Court of Appeals on the expungement of a Lis Pendens.
- Briefed and argued an appeal to the Seventh Court of Appeals on a fraud and tortious interference dispute.
- Handled an interlocutory appeal in favor of the client to the Ninth Court of Appeals on an Anti-SLAPP motion to dismiss.
- Briefed an interlocutory appeal to the Eleventh Court of Appeals on temporary injunction.
- Briefed and argued an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court on interpretations of the Texas Property Code.

## AWARDS

- BTI Consulting Group, Client Service All-Stars (2024)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas Rising Star, Appellate (2019-2024)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas, Up-And-Coming 50 Women (2024)
- *Super Lawyers*® Texas, Up-And-Coming 100 (2024)
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, Texas: Houston and Surrounds (2023-2026)
- *Texas Lawyer*, Rising Star (2023)
- State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course, Helen Cassidy Award for Best Presentation (2023)
- Minority Corporate Counsel Association, Rising Star (2023)
- Houston Association of Women Attorneys Foundation, Rising Star (2023)
- *Houstonia Magazine*, Top Lawyer (2019-2023)
- State Bar of Texas, Best News Article (2021-2022)
- Texas Diversity Council, Top Women Lawyers (2021)
- Houston Bar Foundation, Best Legal Article (2021)
- University of Houston Law Center, Rising Star (2019)
- National Diversity Council, Top 50 Women Lawyers (2019)
- National Black Lawyers, Top 100 (2019)
- Texas State Bar’s Advanced Real Estate Law Course, Steven C. Haley Best Speaker Award (2018)
- *Houston Business Journal*, Woman to Watch (2018)

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Appellate + Supreme Court
- Energy
- Litigation + Trial

- Real Estate Litigation

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Appellate + Supreme Court
- Construction Litigation
- Energy
- Fair Housing Compliance + Defense
- Litigation + Trial
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Litigation

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Founder, Suited for Success Scholarship
- Treasurer, Houston Bar Association Litigation Section
- Membership Committee, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section
- Faculty member, NITA Deposition Course
- Adjunct professor, University of Houston Law Center
- Member, Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists (TACTAS)
- Member, State Bar of Texas Continuing Legal Education Committee
- Fellows Program, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (2023)
- Former board member, Federal Bar Association

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 2014, Mock Trial; Moot Court; Order of the Barristers
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts, B.F.A., 2007

### CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Board Certified by Texas Board of Legal Specialization – Civil Appeals

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

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- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "The Not So Calm After the Storm," Institute for Energy Law 76th Annual Energy Law Conference, February 13, 2025.
- Speaker, "Climbing the Ladder for Two: How Organizations Can Promote Gender Equity for Mothers," State Bar of Texas 32nd Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program, October 24, 2024.
- Speaker, "Checklist for Your First Appearance in the Trial Court as Appellate Counsel," TexasBarCLE: Civil Appellate Practice 101 Course, September 4, 2024.
- Panelist, "Fifth Circuit Update: A Discussion with Top Appellate Practitioners," Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter, February 15, 2024.
- Speaker, "Litigation Breakfast Briefing," Locke Lord, September 21, 2023.
- Speaker, "Preparing for Appeal," Houston Bar Association: Civil Appellate Bench Bar Conference, April 14, 2023.
- Speaker, "Evidentiary Issues in Motion Practice – What is Permitted and What is Objectionable," TexasBarCLE: Advanced Evidence and Discovery, April 13, 2023.
- Speaker, "Preparing for the Specialization Exam," TexasBarCLE: 36th Annual Advanced Civil Appellate Practice, September 7-8, 2022.
- Speaker, "Anti-SLAPP and Recent Appellate Decisions," TexasBarCLE: 36th Annual Advanced Civil Appellate Practice, September 7-8, 2022.
- Speaker, "You won. You have a judgment. But, how do you collect it? Practical tips on post-judgment collection," TexasBarCLE: Damages in Civil Litigation, February 25, 2022.
- Speaker, "TCPA: A Case Study On The Recently Amended Anti-SLAPP Statute," Houston Bar Association, Litigation Section, September 8, 2021.
- Speaker, "Attorney-Client Privilege Issues for In-House Counsel," TexasBarCLE 20th Annual Course: Advanced In-House Counsel, August 13, 2021.
- Speaker, "Black, Young and Big Law Partner," African American Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas: Annual Meeting, June 12, 2021.
- Speaker, "Ethics Jeopardy," UT Law CLE 31st Annual Conference on State and Federal Appeals Conference, June 10, 2021.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Does ERCOT Have Sovereign Immunity?" *The Houston Lawyer*, August 30, 2021.