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Related Services

Litigation ■ Health Care ■ Privacy & Cybersecurity Litigation

Mia Falzarano focuses her practice on trial work, addressing matters on merits before jurors, judges, and arbitrators. She works primarily with technology-based companies, handling complex disputes including class action defense, issues of data privacy and cybersecurity, health care matters, and trade secret misappropriation. She leverages her considerable arbitration and trial experience to support her clients in all phases of litigation, from pre-trial mediation to post-trial appeals. Mia is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® “Ones to Watch.”

Mia has first- and second-chaired federal and state court trials, taking an active role at all stages, including preparing voir dire, leading pre-trial conferences, presenting opening statements, directing and cross-examining witnesses, arguing key evidentiary matters, and delivering closing arguments.

While practicing law, Mia earned a master’s degree in legal and forensic psychology, focusing her coursework on the impact of various psychological principles during both jury selection and trial presentation.

Mia is an advocate for historically underrepresented causes and groups. She is equally committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in her practice and pro bono endeavors, and co-chairs the firm’s Dallas Women’s Initiative.

Mia received her J.D., cum laude, from Wake Forest University, where she served as moot court and trial team captain, leading each team to multiple regional and national victories. Upon graduation, she was elected to Order of the Coif and Order of Barristers.

Representative Experience

Trial Experience

- Handled multiple federal trials as first- and second-chair counsel under Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and the International Child Abduction Remedies Act.
- Secured the dismissal of claims seeking \$140 million at trial arising out of the sale of a business.
- Joined multiple trial teams post-close of discovery to assist with trial preparation and effective presentation to juries, judges, and arbitrators.

Health Care and Government Investigations

- Prepared to defend and traveled to cardiac physician practice, on less than 12-hour notice, after service of a federal crime subpoena and notice of FBI investigation.

- Prepared for and assisted with multi-pronged government raid to seize contraband materials.
- Represented nationally renowned academic medical centers, children's hospitals, and various health systems and physicians' groups in state and federal whistleblower actions, False Claims Act allegations, and Medicare payment appeals.

Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Class Action Litigation

- Secured fully favorable dismissal for multiple Fortune 100 companies in class action lawsuits filed following major data breaches.
- Represented clients in the consumer products, hospitality, health care, and telecommunications industries following allegations of major data-breaches.
- Assisted in obtaining early and advantageous settlements for class action clients.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- "What Lawyers Need to Know About Juror Questions in Civil Trials," *PLI Chronicle*, May 1, 2024.
- "What's on Your Mind? How Juror Questions Alter Texas Civil Trials," *Texas Lawyer*, March 13, 2024.
- "Combating International Child Abduction: Understanding the Benefits and Drawbacks Created by the Hague Convention," *The American Psychology-Law Society*, February 2024.
- "3 Principles For Minimizing The Risk Of A Nuclear Verdict," *Law360*, February 14, 2024.
- "How Juror Questions Are Changing Civil Trials in Texas," *Law360*, September 28, 2023.
- "Juror Questions in Civil Cases: Opening Pandora's Box or Newest Tool for Juror Engagement?" *American Psychology-Law Society Newsletter*, February 2023.
- "Tips for Protecting Privilege When Working with Outside PR," *Law360*, February 3, 2021.
- "How Retailers May Limit Holiday Legal Risks Amid COVID-19," *Law360*, December 15, 2020.
- "Travel Act Gets Mileage in Health Care Cases," *Law360*, August 30, 2018.

Presentations

- "The 'Jury Trial' is Changing: Upsides and Downsides that Increased Jury Participation Poses for Trial Lawyers," In-Person Workshop, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas, TX, January 17, 2024.
- "International Child Abductions: How to Prep Your First Hague Convention Case & Lessons from the Trenches," Dallas Bar Association, International Law Section, webinar, October 17, 2023.
- New But Not Naïve: Adding Value as a Junior Trial Team Member, UNT Dallas College of Law Presentation, Dallas, TX, Fall 2022.
- The Art of Courtroom Storytelling, UNT Dallas College of Law Presentation, Dallas, TX, Fall 2019.

Professional & Community Engagement

- National Association of Women Lawyers & Women and the Law Section, State Bar of Texas
- Dallas LGBT Bar Association & LGBT Law Section, State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

- Engage Dallas (f/k/a Mayor's Star Council)
- American Association for Justice: Association for Trial Lawyers
- Hague Convention Attorney Network
- Fulbright Alumni Association
- Children's Health Rees-Jones Foster Clinic: Family Advisory Network, board member
- Dallas LGBT Resource Center, Young Professionals Advisory Council
- Dallas-Ft. Worth Angels: The Foster Care Community, Dare to Dream mentor

Court Admissions

- Northern District of Texas
- Southern District of Texas
- Eastern District of Texas
- Western District of Texas

Education

- University of California, Irvine (M.L.F.P., 2022)
- Wake Forest University (J.D., 2017)
- Hamilton College (B.A., 2013)

Admitted to Practice

- Texas