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Practice Areas

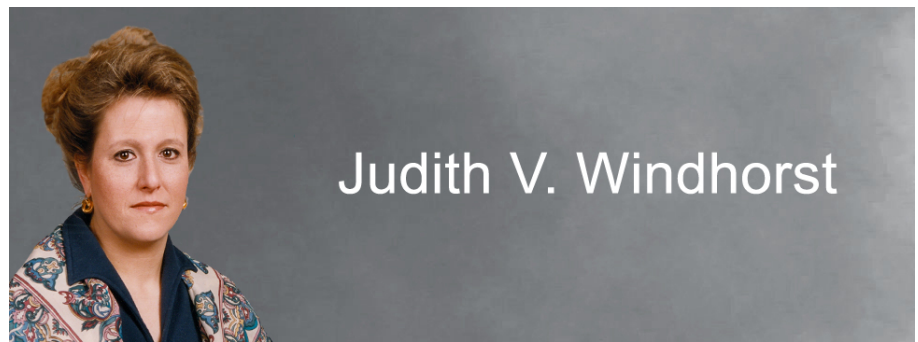
Appellate Litigation
Business & Commercial Litigation
Class Action Defense & Multi-District Litigation
Environmental & Toxic Torts
Government Relations & Legislative Advocacy
Green Law & Sustainability
Health Care Reform Resource Center
Products Liability
Real Estate: Land Use, Development & Finance

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1989
Texas, 2009

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1989
University of Notre Dame, B.A., 1986, *summa cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Epsilon; John Weber Award for Economics



Judith Windhorst is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group, and joined Jones Walker's New Orleans office in 1989 following graduation from Harvard Law School. Ms. Windhorst's practice emphasizes a wide variety of complex litigation, including the defense class actions, toxic tort, products liability, and environmental claims. Her environmental practice includes wetlands permitting, defense of state and federal compliance orders and penalty notices, and regulatory hearings. She has considerable experience in complex electronic discovery proceedings.

As a trial attorney, Ms. Windhorst has handled numerous disputes in a wide variety of practice areas: RICO, antitrust, securities litigation, ERISA, dealer distributor disputes, legal malpractice, fraud, and products liability. Ms. Windhorst's practice has also included a large cross section of industries and businesses: telecommunications and Internet equipment, chemicals, adhesives, paints, gaming, computers and electronics, waste water treatment, bus and rail transportation, shipyards, solid waste disposal, soft drinks, vacuum cleaners, garden and pet supply, and insurance. She also has extensive experience in the area of governmental relations and regulatory matters.

Noteworthy

- AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell

Representative Matters

- Coordination of complex electronic discovery
- Defense against claims of unfair trade practices and interference with contract involving operation of landfill. *American Waste and Pollution Control Co. v. Browning-Ferris, Inc.*, 949 F.2d 1384 (5th Cir.1991)

- Defended air-boat ordinance for the Town of Jean Lafitte. *Vanacor v. Town of Jean Lafitte*, 98-792 (La. App. 5th Cir. 11/25/1999), 731 So.2d 561
- Permitting of commercial medical waste incinerator, *In re Health Management, Inc.* (Standard Permit P-0241), St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana
- Defended manufacturer of ozone generator against tort claims for alleged occupational exposure to ozone
- Defense of class actions for numerous personal-injury and punitive-damage claims arising out of release(s) of chlorine gas, including several class actions
- Defense of hundreds of federal and state court claims and class actions for compensatory and punitive damages due to tank car fire resulting from the ignition of butadiene
- Defense against class action alleging personal injury, property damage, and punitive damages from asphalt operations
- Defense of numerous Superfund cases and related toxic tort suits in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, involving personal-injury and punitive-damage claims related to several abandoned hazardous waste sites
- Prosecution and defense of claims related to a chlorine-related fire involving calcium hypochlorite
- Defense of various penalty assessments and compliance orders issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
- Successful permitting of solid waste landfill in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana
- Prosecution and defense of suits involving leaking underground storage tanks in Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes, Louisiana
- Defense of antitrust claims against waste water treatment system. *United Industries, Inc. v. Eimco Process Equipment Company*, 61 F.3d 445 (5th Cir. 1995)
- Defense against employee constitutional challenges and damage claims arising out of mandatory drug testing. *Abate v. Southern Pacific Transportation Company*, 993 F.2d 107 (5th Cir. 1993)

Memberships

- American Bar Association

- Jefferson Bar Association (Representative-at-Large, Executive Board)
 - Jefferson Performing Arts Society (Member, Board of Directors)
 - Louisiana State Bar Association
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Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court, 1996

5th Cir., 1990

E.D. La., 1989

M.D. La., 1989

W.D. La., 1989

