

Carla B. Pelaez, Associate

Overview



Carla B. Pelaez is a fierce, versatile litigator who thrives in a courtroom setting, has extensive depositions experience, and excels in building client rapport. While working on her cases, Carla prioritizes her clients' needs, ensuring regular communication and proactively developing strategies to provide the

best outcome for her clients.

Carla focuses her practice on general civil litigation, construction defect, premises liability, personal injury, and insurance defense. She has extensive experience defending individuals and insurance companies in first-party insurance investigations and lawsuits involving personal injury, motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, and construction defect claims.

Born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Carla loves the beach, kayaking, and sailing. Since she moved to Houston in 2008, Carla has been taking in all that Houston has to offer. You can find her exploring Houston's diverse food scene, at various concerts, the Houston Rodeo, and supporting the Astros. In her free time, Carla also enjoys cooking, traveling, running with her dog, and spending time with her family.

Representative Matters

- Received a defense jury verdict in a motor vehicle accident lawsuit in which the plaintiff failed to use due diligence in serving the defendant before limitations expired.
- Used Timberwalk analysis to obtain summary judgment on behalf of a property owner in a premises liability case in which significant and permanent injuries were claimed.
- Achieved a favorable settlement for an HVAC subcontractor in a multimillion-dollar construction defect lawsuit involving water damage and mold in a residential property in Beaumont, Texas

Education

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center
 - Houston Business & Tax Law Journal, Articles Editor
 - UHLC Mock Trial Team (won a championship and earned awards for Best Speaker and Outstanding Advocate)
 - Articles Editor, *Houston Business Law and Tax Law Journal*

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- The Advocates, Special Events Coordinator
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Broadcast Journalism & Spanish, University of Houston
 - Delta Zeta Sorority, Vice President of Programming
 - National Society for Collegiate Scholars
 - Golden Key Honour Society

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas, 2018
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2022

Associations

- State Bar of Texas, Construction Law & Litigation Sections
- Texas Young Lawyers Association