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ABOUT FRANCES

Frances considers herself tenacious and thorough. Her clients engage her for legal work because she is dedicated to providing the best possible results no matter how difficult the facts or the law. She provides her clients with a complete analysis of all options and an honest assessment of strengths and weaknesses. If asked, her clients would say she is reliable, dependable, understanding of their needs, and always provides outstanding work.

Frances's practice areas include coverage, insurer defense, and defense of insureds. Her strengths are in research, analysis, and writing, which were honed during her years as an elbow law clerk. This has allowed her to provide written coverage analyses on complex questions. She has provided coverage analyses on a wide range of difficult issues including copyright infringement, toxic tort legacy litigation, material misrepresentations, and claims against public entities. In addition, she is experienced in summary judgment motion practice and appellate advocacy, with much success attributed to her written briefs.

Frances is a native New Orleanian. She served as a law clerk to Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll, Supreme Court of Louisiana, from 2002-2011. She is the mother of two daughters and has one adored granddaughter. When not working, she enjoys travel, reading, classic film, and cooking.

Practices

Appellate Law
Construction Litigation
Employment Law
Environmental Law
Insurance Defense & Coverage
Premises Liability
Product Liability
Professional Liability

Industries

Construction
Environmental

Education

- J.D., Tulane University Law School
- B.A., University of New Orleans

Admissions

- Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Representative Matters

- Obtained a writ grant from the appellate court, reversing the trial court's denial of a motion for summary judgment of no coverage.
- Successfully moved for summary judgment in both state and federal courts on coverage.
- Achieved favorable settlement for carrier involving law in two states and issues concerning renewal application and reporting under a claims-made-and-reported policy.

Associations

- DRI, member
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, member