



## Andrea Cook

*Managing Partner*

**Dedicated. Diligent. Tenacious.**

Andrea delivers results. Ultimately, what sets her apart is her tenacity, vision, and ability to develop and execute game plans necessary to meet the client's goals. Andrea is a team player who wants her clients to know that, as a team, she will always work with them to get the win.

### ASSIGNED THE TOUGHEST TASKS

Before moving to Texas, Andrea served as a municipal attorney for the City of Chicago, where she gained valuable trial experience defending police misconduct cases involving false arrest, false imprisonment, excessive force, and wrongful death. Andrea tried cases to verdict in administrative hearings, state court, and federal court. She also served as a part-time arbitrator on a three-arbitrator panel for small civil cases and is a Certified Mediator and Arbitrator through Mediators & Arbitrators of America, a division of Austin Texas Mediators LLC.

Andrea has expanded her practice to include labor and employment matters, including advising and counseling clients, labor arbitrations, and investigations involving workplace complaints. She has parlayed this experience and passion for labor and employment into a thriving docket and intends to continue expanding this practice.

### READY TO BE ON DEFENSE FOR HER CLIENTS

Andrea brings a distinct advantage across multiple sectors, including Business Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law, Insurance Defense, Investigation, and Labor and Employment, as well as the defense of complex expert-driven and corporate matters. She is also experienced in defending clients in complex litigation involving product liability, trucking claims, business disputes, and catastrophic injuries.

Andrea prides herself on being responsive, tenacious, and grounded. She approaches each matter with accountability, perseverance, and focus, ensuring clients' needs remain the priority. Andrea is the lawyer you can count on.

#### **Bar Admissions**

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. Illinois State Bar Association
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Illinois
- Trial Bar, Northern District of Illinois

#### **Awards**

- The Best Lawyers in America® 2026 Commercial Litigation "Best Lawyers" | 2026
- The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 Commercial Litigation "Best Lawyers" | 2025
- The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Commercial Litigation "Best Lawyers" | 2024



# **ANDREA'S BACKGROUND**

**"Andrea works day and night to ensure that the client comes first, and their needs are met."**

## **Matters**

- Negotiated a favorable settlement for an extremely contentious fault catastrophic transportation matter for a major furniture company
- Won a summary judgment for a national logistics company concerning third-party liability and indemnity that is being used for all similar cases filed across the country
- Represented several retail companies and developed a strategic approach to early settlements in Texas to keep costs low
- Managed a large docket of cases involving a national home goods store, with cases stemming from premises liability to wrongful detentions
- Negotiated numerous favorable settlements regarding fitness equipment for major national manufacturers
- Prepared trial team for novel secondary liability cases involving wrongful death and catastrophic injuries
- Constitutional Law/Section 1983: Prepared for numerous police misconduct trials and took 5 to verdict in first, second, and third chair roles

## **Education & Certifications**

- J.D., Howard University School of Law
- M.P.S., DePaul University-School of Public Services, Metropolitan Planning and Urban Affairs
- B.S., Northwestern University, Communication Studies
- Certified Mediator and Arbitrator, Mediators & Arbitrators of America, a division of Austin, Texas Mediators LLC | September 2025

## **Prior Legal Experience**

- Managing Partner, Stewart Law Group PLLC | 2024 - Present
- Partner, Stewart Law Group PLLC | 2022 - 2024
- Senior Counsel, Clark Hill, LLP | 2022
- Partner, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP | 2019 - 2021
- Senior Associate, Hawkins, Parnell, Thackston & Young, LLP | 2017 - 2019
- Senior Associate, Thompson, Coe Cousins, and Irons LLP | 2013 - 2017
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago Department of Law, Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division | 2006 - 2013
- Law Clerk and Prosecutor, Cook County States' Attorney's Office, Criminal Appeals Section | 2005 - 2006

## **Associations, Affiliations, and Bar Activities**

- American Bar Association, Civil Rights and Social Justice Section, Fair and Impartial Courts Committee Co-Chair | 2024 - present
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section- Labor and Employment Relations Committee Co-Chair | 2023 - present
- Dallas Bar Association 100 Club | 2023 - present
- J.L. Turner Foundation, Gala Committee Member
- J.L. Turner Legal Association, CLE Committee Co-Chair and Sparkler Committee | 2022-2023
- Black Women Lawyers Association | 2023- present
- DWLA- The Pitch Participant | 2023
- Defense Research Institute | 2023
- The NEW Roundtable, Member | 2022
- "We Lead." Leadership Program, Member | 2021
- Howard University School of Law Alumni Association
- Academy of Our Lady Alumna Association
- Northwestern University Alumni Association
- University of North Texas, Adjunct Professor

## **Legal Publications & Presentations**

- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Faculty Member | 2024- present
- Kessler-Eidson Trial Techniques Program at Emory Law, Faculty Member | May 2025
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel (TADC) Deposition Bootcamp | October 19, 2023
- Advanced Personal Injury Law- Preparing and Defending Experts | July 2023
- Dallas NITA Trial Program "Building Trial Skills" | May 2023
- TexasBarCLE 36th Annual Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course "Rule 202: Best Practices" | April 2023
- HCBA David H. Hockema Civil Trial Conference "Initiating Litigation" | April 2023

## **Community Engagement & Volunteering**

- D CEO Announces 2025-2026 Emerging Women Leadership Network Cohort and Inaugural CEO in Residence Marty McDonald | 2025 - present
- Board Member, Dress for Success Dallas | 2025 - present
- 9/11 Day Dallas Meal Pack | September 2025
- DVAP Expunction Clinic | June 2025
- 9/11 Day Dallas Meal Pack | September 2024
- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Women's Advocacy Awards Committee Member | 2023 - present
- 9/11 Day Dallas Meal Pack | September 2023
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Executive Board Member and Parliamentarian | 1999- present