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## Tara L. Mason

### SENIOR COUNSEL



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## Practice Areas & Education

### EDUCATION

- Georgia Tech B.S.  
International Affairs, 1992
- LSU Law School J.D., 1996

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Louisiana

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of Louisiana

### LIFE VERSES

- “He will speak to the people for you, and it will

## About Tara

### EXPERIENCE

Tara L. Mason is originally from Winter Park, Florida. She is a graduate of Georgia Tech and LSU Law School. After practicing law in Louisiana for almost 19 years, she relocated to Houston, Texas in 2015 and is now proud to call Houston home! She holds licenses to practice law in Louisiana and Texas.

Mrs. Mason is most passionate about telling the stories of her clients in such a compelling way that her clients’ stories are ultimately heard and receive the most favorable treatment available to them under the law. Mastering the art of persuasion allowed Mrs. Mason to be inducted into LSU Law School’s Hall of Fame as a Tullis Moot Court winner.

Following her passion, throughout her career, Mrs. Mason has represented and told the stories of her clients through all aspects of litigation, as well as represented them in commercial business transactions.

For her clients, Mrs. Mason partners with her clients to keep them informed at every stage of litigation regarding any factual and/or statutory limitations that will impact their bottom line. This allows her clients to make the best decisions regarding their respective cases, which are consistent with their short and long term goals. Having worked as outside counsel and as an in-house, staff attorney

be as if he were your mouth..."Exo. 4:16a

- "For we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency may be of God and not of us."2 Cor. 4:7

for a major insurance company, Mrs. Mason understands the importance of maintaining a strategic partnership with her clients by providing timely and thorough information regarding their cases. For her, this partnership is crucial to maintaining strong attorney-client relationships that she values, because that is what her clients value.

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Business law: contracts, business formations, operating agreements, shareholder agreements, by-laws, and non-compete agreements
- Business litigation: breach of contract, deceptive trade practices, shareholder suppression, residential construction liability, fraudulent transfer of assets, tortious interference, misappropriation, civil theft, conversion, breach of warranty, and unfair competition
- Insurance defense, 1st and 3rd Party claims
- Insurance coverage, bad faith/1st Party defense
- Insurance coverage subrogation/1st Party contractual demands
- Insurance coverage, indemnity/1st Party contractual demands
- Self-insured and fleet vehicle defense
- Commercial General Liability defense
- Premises Liability defense
- Products Liability defense

## COURT VICTORIES

- Successfully obtained a defense jury verdict for insured client, which avoided joint and several liability contributions, as well as punitive damages demand of \$150K
- Successfully obtained a zero-jury verdict for commercial insured client on a premises liability \$3M claim
- Successfully maintained a favorable Motion for Summary Judgment ruling for insured client on an appeal, which involved a premises liability dispute
- Successfully maintained a favorable Motion for Summary Judgment ruling for commercial client on an appeal, which involved a disputed employer-employee relationship
- Successfully defended insurers on multiple Motions for Summary Judgment regarding wind versus water residential and commercial property damage claims resulting from hurricane catastrophic loss

