

Thompson & Knight Adds Trial Partner to Dallas Office

The law firm of **Thompson & Knight LLP** announced that Jessica B. Magee has joined the firm as a partner in the Trial Practice Group in Dallas. Magee was previously an associate at the firm from 2002 to 2010 before joining the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Fort Worth.

Prior to joining Thompson & Knight, Magee served as general counsel at Dallas-based financial services firm The Beneficient Company Group, a Thompson & Knight client, where she led an in-house legal and compliance department, advised the board and senior leadership on a wide array of legal, regulatory, and corporate governance issues, and oversaw the firm's legal efforts through numerous strategic transactions.

Magee also served in a variety of leadership roles at the SEC, including as both the associate director in charge of the SEC's enforcement efforts in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas and chief trial counsel for that region, which includes more than 400 NYSE- and Nasdaq-listed companies and numerous Fortune 500 companies. While at the SEC, she successfully prosecuted and supervised several high-profile matters across multiple industries and subject areas, including the agency's first cryptocurrency enforcement action, the agency's first appointment of a receiver in a fraudulent cryptocurrency offering, and a \$46.8 million judgment against a publicly traded life settlements company and certain of its executives.

During her years in government, Magee was selected as a Senior Fellow in the Partnership for Public Service's Excellence in Government Fellowship Program and earned the SEC's prestigious Arthur F. Mathews Award and the Ferdinand Pecora Award for creativity and dedication in protecting investors and the public.

The firm said Magee focuses her practice on commercial and shareholder disputes, government and internal investigations, and matters of corporate governance. In addition, she has experience on issues involving regulatory compliance, disclosure, risk mitigation, corporate and shareholder rights, partnership disputes, director and officer disputes, and federal receiverships.

Prior to entering public service, Magee was recognized in Texas Rising Stars by Thomson Reuters (2010) for her work in Business Litigation. She received her J.D., cum laude, from SMU Dedman School of Law and her B.A., summa cum laude, from Texas State University.