Ward, Smith & Hill Promotes Attorney Andrea Fair to Partner

- Trial law firm **Ward, Smith & Hill, PLLC**, announced that firm attorney Andrea L. Fair has been promoted to partner.

Fair, whose promotion became effective Feb. 1, handles intellectual property and business litigation. She serves on the firm's trial team, participating in several phases, including picking the jury, directing and cross-examining fact and expert witnesses, and closing arguments. Fair routinely appears and argues at pretrial hearings while also helping teams prepare their cases and witnesses for trial, the firm said in a release.

"Andrea is an excellent trial lawyer," said Johnny Ward, founding partner of Ward, Smith & Hill, a Longview, Texas-based firm. "She is truly an expert at her craft, and that talent is evident in the courtroom. I'm proud of her accomplishments."

Fair joined the firm in 2016 after five years of handling complex commercial litigation in Houston, where she focused on patent infringement cases, construction disputes, insurance coverage and defense work. She was recognized in 2017 and 2018 on the Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for her work in intellectual property and business litigation.

"I've enjoyed working with and learning from the talented team of litigators at Ward, Smith & Hill, and I'm excited about this new position and the responsibility that comes with it," said Fair. "This is a firm that thrives on teamwork, always for the benefit of our clients."

Fair is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts

in Texas and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She is a member of the Gregg County Bar Association.

Fair is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and earned her undergraduate degree from the College of Liberal Arts at the same university.