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Jessica Underwood is a litigator with experience in complex commercial and class action litigation and arbitration for plaintiffs and defendants.

Jessica has represented clients in consumer class action, antitrust, contract, professional liability, and fiduciary duty matters. Among other things, she was part of a team that obtained dismissal of two nationwide class actions for failure to state a claim against one of the country's largest national soft drink manufacturers. See "Dr Pepper Sheds 'Diet' Drinks Weight Loss Dispute," Law360, 4/19/2018. Jessica's clients have included financial services firms, venture capital firms, and product manufacturers.

Jessica has a wide-ranging public interest practice that has included work in landlord-tenant and child custody disputes, as well as advisory representation for a non-profit art museum.

Jessica earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Baylor Law School, where she graduated first in her class and served as editor-in-chief of the Baylor Law Review. She served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Catharina Haynes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and to the Honorable Sidney A. Fitzwater of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Education

Baylor Law School

(J.D., 2014)

Summa cum laude, Valedictorian; Editor-in-Chief, Baylor Law Review; Steve Dillard Award for Highest Performer in Procedure, Evidence and Advocacy

Wellesley College

(B.A., Political Science, 2011)

Prior Associations

Baker Botts, LLP

Associate, 2016-2018

Law Clerk to the Hon. Catharina Haynes

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2015-2016

Law Clerk to the Hon. Sidney A. Fitzwater

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, 2014-2015

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- * Not admitted in New York. Application pending.