



Sheryl M. Howard

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Sheryl is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, and graduated from Louisiana State University in 1985. She received her Juris Doctorate from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 1991. At LSU, Sheryl was a member of the Robert E. Tullis Moot Court board and competed in the Fredrick Douglas Moot Court competition. Sheryl frequently serves as a faculty member for the LSU Trial Advocacy Program and National Institute of Trial Advocacy Deposition Skills Program in New Orleans. Sheryl also serves as a board member of the Neighborhood Development Foundation of New Orleans.

Sheryl spent a total of twelve years as an in-house trial attorney for two of the largest insurance companies in the country and spent nine years in private insurance defense practice as a senior trial attorney. In 2003, she was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court as Judge Pro Tem for the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. During her career, she has handled more than 900 files to conclusion and tried over 100 judge and jury trials in Louisiana state courts including numerous cases involving catastrophic injuries and significant client exposure. Sheryl also loves traveling abroad.

Professional Affiliations

As a member of the Louisiana and New Orleans Bar Associations, Sheryl is admitted to practice before all state courts in the state of Louisiana as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana. She is also a member of the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel, Claim Litigation Management, Defense Research Institute and Defense Research Institute Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee.

Areas of Practice

- Insurance Defense Litigation
- Commercial General Liability
- Commercial Auto and Personal Liability
- Premises Liability
- Uninsured Motorist and Bad Faith Liability
- Trucking
- Restaurant and Retail Liability

Awards

- Individual Service Award Winner (Third Quarter – 1999)
- Second highest trial win/loss ratio of Louisiana staff counsel (1998)
- Third highest trial win/loss ratio of Louisiana staff counsel (1999)
- High Volume Trial Attorney Award (1998 and 1999)
- Certificates of Merit awarded for outstanding trial results (1998 – 1999)