



## Dana

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### Overview

Dana Douglas focuses on commercial, energy and intellectual property litigation in the state and federal courts of Louisiana and across a wide variety of industry sectors. Clients regularly turn to Dana when they're facing high-exposure litigation, such as the following kinds of clients and cases:

#### Energy Litigation

- Represented a major oil company in claims arising out of a well blowout and the sinking of a semi-submersible drilling rig.
- Successfully defended major oil companies in a suit brought by a state agency seeking billions of dollars for alleged marsh loss in southeast Louisiana resulting dismissal of suit affirmed by Fifth Circuit of Appeal.
- Defending a major oil company from claims by parish governments seeking damages for land loss allegedly caused by non-compliance with environmental permits.

#### Business Litigation

- Prosecuted the misappropriation of a software program created for an employer and then used to start a new business. Dana got an injunction.
- Obtained a favorable result for a client for use of a domain name in a cybersquatting dispute.
- Helped a major oil and gas company in the debranding of abandoned gasoline facilities across Louisiana.
- Defended client in web page copyright infringement suit.

Her energy-industry work is both onshore and off-shore, where she has helped clients facing difficult cases involving breach of contract issues, exploration and production disputes, expropriation, landowner/mineral lessee disputes, legacy litigation, royalty-related litigation, and oil and gas marketing disputes. She has also represented clients in matters that focused on pipeline servitudes, rights-of-way, easements and other matters.

### Practice Areas

Business Litigation  
Energy Litigation

### Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 2000

### Education

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, J.D., 2000

- *Loyola University Public Interest Law Journal*, Editor-in-Chief, 1999–2000

Miami University, B.A., 1997

### Clerkship

Law clerk to the Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle, Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, 2000–2001

Dana's IP clients turn to her for both litigation and sophisticated transactions. She has handled cases involving trademark, copyright, patent infringement, trade secret litigation and cybersquatting. She has also prosecuted trademark and trade name applications and drafted intellectual property licensing and work-for-hire agreements.

In addition, she has developed a niche in sports law. For example, she has helped individuals and organizations with commercial transactions, tax and intellectual property, including cybersquatting and rights of publicity.

Dana served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle, Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, 2000–2001.

## Experience

Additional Representative Matters:

- Successfully defended a defendant at trial in a mass toxic tort chemical release trial and secured a complete dismissal of all claims against our client
- Obtained a favorable decision for an independent oil and gas exploration and production company in an environmental remediation legacy lawsuit
- Obtained dismissal of major oil and gas company in a redhibition action
- Obtained a permanent injunction against a former employee of a major oil and gas exploration and production company for misappropriation of the company's trade secrets
- Successfully defended a local news publication in trade name and trademark lawsuit
- Successfully assisted a major oil and gas company in the debranding of abandoned gasoline facilities across the state of Louisiana.
- Obtained a favorable result for client for use of a domain name in a cybersquatting dispute
- Successfully defended major oil and gas company in a shareholder suit

## Involvement

### Professional

- New Orleans Bar Association - President Elect
- Federal Bar Association - Member
- Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society – Immediate Past President
- Loyola University Institute of Politics - Fellow
- Sports Lawyers Association - Member

### Community

- Women's Energy Network – Southeast Louisiana Founding Chapter President
- New Orleans Civil Service Commission, 2003–2013; Vice Chair, 2011–2013
- St. Andrew's Village Board Member 2010–2012
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - Member

## Recognition

- *New Orleans CityBusiness* "Women of the Year" Class of 2017

- Camille Gravel Pro Bono Award Recipient, 2016
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, 2015-17
- LSBA Crystal Gavel Award Recipient, 2013-2014
- *New Orleans CityBusiness* Leadership in Law Award, 2007 and 2013
- Louisiana State Bar Association President's Award, 2009
- Named a "Rising Star" in *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, 2012–2013
- Monte M. Lemann Award Recipient, 2012
- 2013 Loyola Alumni Women in Law Honoree

## Presentations

- "Implementing Proportionality and Other Significant Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," Winter 2016 and Summer 2017
- "Politics and the Oil and Gas Industry," Winter 2016 and Spring 2017
- "Breaking News: What the Headlines Can Teach Us About Lawyer Misconduct," January 20, 2010 and Winter 2008
- "Social Networking and Legal Ethics," Spring and Fall 2010, Winter 2009
- "Primer on Legacy Litigation," Fall 2009
- "The Devil Wears Pradeau: The Impact of Counterfeit and Knockoff Merchandise on Intellectual Property Law," Summer 2009 and Winter 2009
- The Changing Political Landscape

## Publications

- Plaintiffs and Defendants Jointly Choose First Cases for Trial in Plaquemines Parish Coastal Zone Management Act Litigation
- Plaquemines Parish Amends Petition for Damages In Coastal Zone Management Act Litigation
- "Diversity and Inclusion Matter: Why and How," *The Bench*—March/April 2017, with Joseph K. West and Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle
- "Attorney General Finds Governor's Contract for Legal Services Not Approvable, Unacceptable, Illegal, and Unconstitutional," *Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog*, September 20, 2016
- "Offshore Companies Face Surge in BSEE Enforcement Actions and Penalties," *Liskow & Lewis' The Energy Law Blog*, September 19, 2016
- "Are Your Trade Secrets Protected?"
- Co-author of "Intellectual Property and Antitrust Law," *ABA Intellectual Property Deskbook for the Business Lawyer: A Transactions-based guide to Intellectual Property Law*, Ch. 13 (2d ed.) 2009.
- "The Business Case for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority and Women Attorneys," *The American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division*, December 2007
- "Hurricane Katrina News: After the Storm," *The National Bar Association Commercial Law Section*, December 2005

## After Hours

"I love all things related to health and fitness and love to travel with friends and family!"

## News/Insights

### NEWS

11.17.17

Dana M. Douglas Inducted as President of the New Orleans Bar Association

### INSIGHTS

10.2.17

Plaintiffs and Defendants Jointly Choose First Cases for Trial in Plaquemines Parish Coastal Zone Management Act Litigation

### NEWS

8.17.17

Liskow Shareholder Dana M. Douglas Named to CityBusiness Women of the Year Class of 2017

### INSIGHTS

7.3.17

Plaquemines Parish Amends Petition for Damages In Coastal Zone Management Act Litigation

### NEWS

4.25.17

Dana Douglas Selected as a 2017 Public Service Award Recipient

### NEWS

3.21.17

Liskow Lawyer Dana Douglas Co-Authored "Diversity and Inclusion Matter: Why and How"

### NEWS

12.29.16

Forty-One Liskow Lawyers Selected to *Louisiana Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters 2017*

### NEWS

11.22.16

Liskow Lawyers Obtain Complete Victory in Mass Toxic Tort Trial

### INSIGHTS

9.20.16

Attorney General Finds Governor's Contract for Legal Services Not Approvable, Unacceptable, Illegal, and Unconstitutional

### NEWS

1.9.15

Liskow & Lewis Attorneys Named to *Louisiana Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters 2015*