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Susanna Rychlak Allen

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A versatile commercial litigator with experience in multiple highly scrutinized sectors, Susanna is known for her strategic judgment and ability to lead teams through fast-moving, high-pressure matters.

Credentials

- Vanderbilt University Law School
  J.D.
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  Editor-in-Chief, Vanderbilt Law Review
- University of Mississippi
  B.A., International Studies, *magna cum laude*
  Phi Beta Kappa
- Law Clerk to Judge Julia Smith Gibbons
  U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Admitted to Practice:
  Texas
  District of Columbia
  Tennessee
  U.S. District Court for the Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern Districts of Texas
  U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas
  U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
  U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth Circuits
  U.S. Supreme Court

Susanna's courtroom experience includes trials in state and federal courts, and she handles every stage of litigation, from pleadings through verdict. She has represented energy companies in high-stakes business disputes, technology clients in antitrust matters, and litigation trusts in bankruptcy-adjacent proceedings. Susanna also regularly collaborates with co-counsel and serves as trusted local counsel for clients with complex matters in Texas state and federal courts.

Susanna's leadership extends beyond the courtroom. As a member of Yetter Coleman's recruitment committee, she is deeply invested in identifying and mentoring the next generation of trial lawyers. She is also actively involved in the Houston community, serving on the Board of Directors of Wesley Community Center and volunteering with Girls on the Run Greater Houston.

A native of Oxford, Mississippi, Susanna received her J.D. from Vanderbilt Law School, where she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. After law school, she clerked for Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Julia Smith Gibbons in Memphis, Tennessee. Prior to joining the firm, she practiced with Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C. Upon moving to Texas, Susanna earned the highest score on the July 2021 Texas bar exam.

Experience

- Represented bankruptcy litigation trust against the debtor's former CEO for fiduciary breaches involving a scheme to enrich himself by secretly advancing his preferred bidder to obtain a lucrative personal investment. Achieved an early victory when the case was remanded to state court, then defeated serial dispositive motions and secured a favorable settlement before trial.
- Secured temporary injunction from the Texas Business Court following three-day evidentiary hearing prohibiting competitor from restricting client's access to its insurance customers' data on key software platform.
- Won a monopoly abuse jury verdict in the Southern District of New York for a former airline in the first post-Amex two-sided market jury trial in the U.S. (*US Airways v. Sabre*

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- Authored a Fifth Circuit *amicus* brief on behalf of the National Retail Federation, North American Home Furnishings Association, and a collection of small business furniture retailers in support of a challenge to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Final Rule. Industry efforts resulted in the CPSC changing its rule (*American Home Furnishings Alliance et al. v. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission*).
- Represented a coalition of religious groups in support of the petitioners' successful First Amendment argument and filed an amicus brief cited in a U.S. Supreme Court majority opinion (*Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru*).

Professional Honors & Affiliations

- *Legal 500 US City Elite,* Commercial Disputes, 2027
- 2025 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, Houston Young Lawyers Association (HYLA)
- "Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation," *Lawdragon*, 2025-2026
- "Ones to Watch" in Commercial Litigation, Best Lawyers in America, 2024-2027
- "Texas Rising Star," in Business Litigation by Thomson Reuters' Super Lawyers, 2024-2026
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Alumni Advisory Committee, *Vanderbilt Law Review*
- Leadership Council, Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, University of Mississippi
- Texas Bar Exam Highest Score, July 2021