



Janna D. Gau

Litigation / Dispute Resolution

Of Counsel

Janna joined Eaton Peabody's Bangor office after almost 20 years of litigation practice in the State of Oklahoma. Janna represents both private and public sector clients in the defense and prosecution of claims relating to construction, commercial and banking, employment, equine and agriculture, and professional liability and insurance related litigation. She brings extensive jury trial experience in both state and federal court, as well as the zealous and effective representation of clients before the American Arbitration Association, FINRA and numerous state agency tribunals. Janna provides her clients with creative, cost-effective and keen representation.

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Representative Cases:

- Obtained favorable federal jury verdict in favor of national automobile finance company against banking institution who submitted fraudulent bank records to hide the undercapitalization of a local car dealership, in order for the car dealership to comply with the terms of its' contract with the national automobile finance company. Jury entered verdict for plaintiff and assessed punitive damages against banking institution.
- Successfully argued motion for summary judgment on behalf of national banking institution in a lender liability claim on the basis of res judicata and issue preclusion. The District Court found that the plaintiff was asserting the same claims against the banking institution that plaintiff's predecessor had asserted in a prior action.
- Achieved favorable judgment of arbitration trial panel in favor of Chief Executive Officer wrongfully terminated in retaliation for reporting board misconduct which violated the Securities Exchange Act.
- Prevailed in bench trial on behalf of oil and gas operator who succeeded to the mineral interests of a prior mineral owner who purchased minerals and surface rights through a tax sale. Trial court found that the original owners of the surface and minerals had notice by publication at the time of the tax sale and failed to take action within the statutorily prescribed period of time. Therefore, the heirs of the original surface and mineral owner could not assert their rights and interest in the minerals and surface thereafter.
- Successfully enjoined Trustee and Trustee's spouse from disposing of Trust property in violation of decedent's trust agreement. Trial court found that third-party, who was not a beneficiary of the Trust, had standing to bring injunction action against Trustee and Trustee's spouse, to enjoin the wrongful disposition of trust assets to the Trustee's family.

Bar Admissions

Oklahoma, 1999
Maine, 2017
United States District Court for the Eastern, Western and Northern Districts of Oklahoma
United States District Court of Colorado
Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Education

University of Tulsa College of Law, J.D.
University of Tulsa, B.A.