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### **EDUCATION**

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D.
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  B.S., magna cum laude

# CONNIE FLORES JONES

OF COUNSEL, ALAVI ANAIPAKOS

Connie Flores Jones has more than 25 years of experience in state and federal courts across Texas and nationwide. Her legal background includes representing numerous biotech industry clients in significant patent disputes, as well as banks and other financial services companies in commercial litigation matters.

Before joining Alavi Anaipakos, Ms. Jones spent nearly a decade at the national law firm Winston & Strawn LLP, where she represented clients in the financial services industry. Before that, she represented clients at a national intellectual property firm for over ten years in patent litigation matters, including cases covering the oil services industry and genetically modified crops.

Ms. Jones has extensive litigation experience in single-plaintiff and class action matters in federal and state courts, including case development and strategy, discovery, team management, drafting case dispositive motions, pre-trial and post-trial motions, overseeing complex multi-district and third-party discovery, and settlement negotiations.

Her proven track record includes routinely defending clients against claims asserting breach of contract, fraud, negligence, unfair and deceptive practices, and violation of federal consumer protection statutes. Ms. Jones has also handled jurisdictional disputes and title issues, in addition to helping secure an appellate victory for a national bank in a negligence suit brought by a consumer who a fraudster had deceived.

Ms. Jones is well-versed in both federal and state appeals, with admissions before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Seventh, and Federal Circuits. She also brings significant expertise in intellectual property disputes, including patent and trade secret litigation in the biotechnology sector.

Beyond her legal practice, Ms. Jones dedicates her time to pro bono work for Houston Volunteer Lawyers and Disability Rights Texas, further showcasing her commitment to making a positive impact in the community. She is also part of the leadership team of the Bright Star Chapter of National Charity League, Inc., and served on its Board of Directors for three years. As a member of Bright Star, she supports local and national philanthropic partners through community service and helps young women develop leadership skills.

Ms. Jones earned her B.S., magna cum laude, in Genetics from Texas A&M University in 1992 and her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 1995, where she served as Chief Articles Editor for the Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal.

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented developer of transgenic corn technology in years-long series of patent infringement lawsuits and related interference actions involving insect-resistant and herbicide-resistant corn seed products. Helped secure wins on summary judgment, at trial, and on appeal.
- Represented national bank in federal lawsuit brought by consumer who alleged bank negligently failed to protect her from the financial exploitation of an unknown fraudster. Helped secure win on motion to dismiss and affirmance on appeal.
- Represented national bank in federal class action lawsuit brought by three plaintiffs who alleged they were "tricked" into paying balance inquiry fees through "deceptive" prompts at third-party ATMs. Helped secure win on summary judgment and defeat of class certification.
- Represented national bank in federal lawsuit involving questions of subject matter jurisdiction and diversity of citizenship. Secured appellate victory and published opinion on determination of citizenship of REMIC trusts.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit