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Ellen Smith Yost is a member of the firm's Litigation, Global Trial, and Labor and Employment Groups. She is based in Dallas, Texas.

Ellen represents some of the nation's top employers in complex litigation matters, class actions, and investigation responses related to equal employment, discrimination, workplace health and safety, restrictive covenants and trade secret disputes, and ERISA litigation. She also advises companies and nonprofit organizations on employment-related issues.

Ellen earned her Juris Doctor *summa cum laude* from SMU Dedman School of Law and clerked for the Honorable Jane J. Boyle of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Before practicing law, Ellen had a successful career in the nonprofit sector.

Ellen maintains an active pro bono practice and is also active in the Dallas community. She serves on the Board of Directors of Shakespeare Dallas, is a sustaining member of Attorneys Serving the Community, and is a member of the UT Law Center for Women in Law's Ginsburg Circle.

Capabilities

Litigation

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Class Actions

Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) Litigation

Labor and Employment

Trials

Credentials

Education

SMU Dedman School of Law - 2021 Juris Doctor

University of North Texas - 2007 Masters

Duke University - 1998 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar

Clerkships

USDC, Northern District of Texas, Hon. Jayne J. Boyle, 2021 - 2022

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