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Ellen Smith Yost is an associate in Gibson Dunn's Dallas office. She is a member of the firm's Labor and Employment and Litigation Practice Groups.

Ellen has represented employers in employment matters including litigation related to breaches of employee covenants and trade secret disputes, administrative proceedings, and responses to government investigations. Her practice also includes advising companies and non-profit organizations on employment-related issues and litigation risks.

Ellen earned her Juris Doctor *summa cum laude* from SMU Dedman School of Law, is a *cum laude* graduate of Duke University, and earned a Masters of Public Administration with a focus on nonprofit management from the University of North Texas, with highest honors. Before joining Gibson Dunn, Ellen clerked for Judge Jane J. Boyle in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Prior to practicing law, Ellen led membership, marketing, public outreach, and communications efforts for multiple nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations in North Texas. This valuable workplace experience informs her ability to help clients navigate diverse employment issues. 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 member of Attorneys Serving the Community, and volunteers in Richardson I.S.D.

Ellen is admitted to practice in Texas.



Capabilities

Litigation
Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
Class Actions
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