

## GILLAM &amp; SMITH, L.L.P.

## Consistently Delivering Results in East Texas

**RECOGNIZED** A small civil litigation firm located in the heart of Marshall, Gillam & Smith, L.L.P. is known for courtroom success throughout the Eastern District of Texas. Partners Harry Lee "Gil" Gillam and Melissa Smith, who began practicing together in 1997 and launched their firm in 2004, are certified as civil trial advocates through the National Board of Trial Advocacy and board-certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Both have been inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**VERSATILE** The firm handles a full range of commercial claims, including breach of contract and fiduciary fraud, fraud, violation of antitrust and securities as well as general tort claims for personal injury arising from negligence and defective products. In recent years the partners have increasingly focused on the significant intellectual property docket in the Eastern District, representing plaintiffs and defendants, including individual inventors as well as many Fortune 500 companies, in hundreds of patent cases.

**ACCOMPLISHED** Gillam, a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, has tried and won cases for clients ranging from oilfield and timber workers to some of the world's largest corporations for over 25 years. Also a top litigator, Smith enjoys membership in the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum as a result of her courtroom success.

**COMMITTED** In addition to being known as the go-to lawyers in their region for referring attorneys as well as clients, both partners also devote considerable time to giving back to their profession. Gillam serves on the board of directors of TLA and is past president of the East Texas Chapter of ABOTA. Smith is chair of the women's caucus of the American Association for Justice, which has more than 30,000 attorney members, and has previously served on AAJ's board of governors and executive committee.



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