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Rola Daaboul

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Rola Daaboul is a seasoned litigator and trial attorney who focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, business torts, and personal disputes in state and federal courts. She advises clients on a wide range of matters including intellectual property, employment, real estate, construction, trade secrets, class actions, constitutional claims, institutional reform, and other business matters. She has experience representing a diverse range of clients including technology and biotech companies, hospitals, universities, and state officials and entities, including the Texas Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Texas Health & Human Services Commission, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and the Texas General Land Office. She regularly represents clients in business disputes involving fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, defamation, First Amendment and Civil Rights, breach of contract, unfair competition, trade secret misappropriation, copyright and trademark infringement, non-competes, non-solicitation, confidentiality agreements, shareholder derivative actions, business divorces and control disputes, Ponzi schemes, trusts and estates, and other issues.

Rola’s diverse practice also involves assisting clients with protecting their intellectual property and brands with respect to the Metaverse and Web3, including issues relating to the creation, minting, licensing, and selling of NFTs, and has crafted tailored NFT license agreements for various NFT collections.

In addition, Rola is skilled in drafting appellate briefs in state and federal courts, including petitions for writ of certiorari, and has successfully presented oral arguments before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on numerous occasions. She is also experienced in submitting information requests pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Texas Public Information Act.

Notable Work

Areas of Experience

- Litigation
- Commercial Disputes
- Class Action Defense
- Employment Litigation
- Product Liability and Mass Torts
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate Litigation
- Economic Sanctions and Export Controls

Education

- J.D., South Texas College of Law, 2010
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2006

Admissions

Bars

- Texas

Courts

- U.S. District Court, Northern District 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, District of New Mexico
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Languages

- Arabic

Related Content

- Akerman’s Rola Daaboul Featured in *Women’s Wear Daily* Virtual Tech Forum  
July 08, 2022
- Rola Daaboul to Speak on Retail and Technology  
June 30, 2022

**Texas COVID-19 Litigation Taskforce:** One of a select few litigators chosen to serve on the Texas COVID-19 Litigation Task Force. Successfully defended Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Orders pertaining to mandatory safety precautions for bars, restaurants, and nursing facilities through injunction hearings and pleadings in federal and state courts throughout the state of Texas during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Challenges to Provision of Direct Acting Antiviral Treatments for Hepatitis C:** Defended Texas state entities against claims relating to the availability of Direct Acting Antiviral treatments for Medicare and Medicaid patients with Hepatitis C

**Copyright Infringement Claims:** Defended a large state university and officials in its athletics department against copyright infringement claims brought by a sports writer

**International Child Abduction Claim:** Defended The Texas Department of Family Protective Services and its officer against claim of international child abduction brought by the Country of Ukraine pursuant to Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 22 U.S.C. 9001 et seq. (2001), the implementing statute of the Convention in the United States. Established federal precedent by securing dismissal of a state entity based on Eleventh Amendment sovereign immunity. Blocked removal of the child to Ukraine and secured the child's residency in Texas.

**Challenges to the Integrity of the Election Process and Equal Protection Claims:** Defended the Texas Secretary of State and Texas Department of Public Safety against constitutional claims relating to the integrity of the Texas election process and equal protection

**Federal Title IX Retaliation Trial:** Federal jury trial win for state university against Title IX retaliation claims brought by former professor employee

**Federal Title VII Retaliation Trial:** Federal jury trial win for state university health sciences center against Title VII retaliation claim brought by employee researcher and department chair

**State Defamation Trial:** State jury trial win for state university health sciences center against defamation claim brought by former nurse employee against doctor

**NFT Custom License Agreement:** Drafted a custom license agreement for a company that creates NFTs and sells them on OpenSea

### **5th Circuit Victories**

**Federal Constitutional and Texas state law claims brought by a former researcher against a university medical center, a university police department, and related officials:** Secured ruling affirming a trial court's dismissal of numerous federal constitutional claims, including claims for 4th Amendment unlawful search and seizure, false arrest, and due process

**Claims under Title VII, the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act, and 42 U.S.C. § 1981:** Secured ruling affirming a trial court's dismissal of claims brought by former researcher for discrimination under Title VII, the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act, and 42

U.S.C. § 1981, violation of his Fourteenth Amendment due process rights, tortious interference, and defamation

#### **Title VII Sexual Harassment and Hostile Work Environment**

**Claims:** Successfully presented oral argument in defense of a state entity in an appeal of a trial court's dismissal of sexual harassment and hostile work environment claims and secured a ruling upholding the trial court's dismissal

#### **Title IX Constitutional Claims Against a State University:**

Successfully presented oral argument in defense of a state university in an appeal of a trial court's dismissal of numerous constitutional claims and secured a ruling upholding the trial court's dismissal. Established legal precedent, as evidenced by a published 5th Circuit opinion

### Related Professional Experience

- Texas Office of the Attorney General, General Litigation Division, Austin, Texas, Senior Trial Attorney and Team Lead, May 2017-November 2021

### Published Work and Lectures

- Fairchild Media Group WWD x FN x Beauty Inc Tech Forum, Speaker, "Retail 4.0: The Next Five Years," June 30, 2022
- *Women's Wear Daily* (WWD), Quoted, "Executives From Meta, Google, Nordstrom and Selfridges to Be Showcased at Tech Forum," June 21, 2022
- *Cases and Materials on Entertainment Litigation Digital Textbook*, 1st-7th Editions, Co-Author, 2011-2022
- *Austin Business Journal*, Author, "What Austin Businesses Need to Know About NFTs," January 13, 2022
- Texas Office of the Attorney General Continuing Legal Education, Speaker, "Weaponizing Discovery," April 2020
- Texas Bar, 35th Annual Advanced Civil Trial Course, Speaker, "Entity Representative Depositions," July 2012