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## Shelby Raye Holt

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Shelby Raye Holt focuses her practice on insurance coverage litigation and appellate law. Shelby counsels primary, umbrella, and excess insurers in first and third-party coverage litigation and advises insurers on coverage issues under commercial liability, environmental liability, commercial property, professional liability, errors and omissions, and commercial auto policies. She has experience successfully defending carriers against extra-contractual and statutory bad faith claims involving residential and commercial insurance. Moreover, Shelby's appellate experience assists her insurer clients throughout the claims process, during the transition from the investigation stage to actual litigation, and at the appellate review level.

Shelby has significant experience preparing appellate briefs, mandamus filings, motions to dismiss, summary-judgment motions, expert motions, jury charges, and post-judgment motions in both Texas state and federal courts. She is often brought in to research complex issues, and her superior writing and analytical abilities make her a valuable asset during trial and on appeal.

### Notable Work

**Insurance Litigation:** Obtained nonsuit of all extra-contractual claims against commercial liability insurer in complex product recall coverage action.

**Insurance Litigation:** Obtained full dismissal of breach of contract and extra-contractual claims against personal auto insurer in Arkansas state court.

**Insurance Litigation:** Obtained favorable opinion from court of appeals for commercial liability insurer in construction defect case, reversing trial court's judgment granting motion for new trial and reinstating an order of dismissal on the grounds of abandonment, and successfully defended court of appeals' decision in state supreme court.

### Areas of Experience

Litigation  
Commercial Disputes  
Commercial Loan Enforcement and Secured Financing Litigation  
Insurance Litigation  
Professional Liability

### Education

J.D., Baylor Law School, 2017  
B.A., Texas A&M University, 2014, magna cum laude

### Admissions

#### Bars

Texas

#### Courts

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

### Related Content

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide  
August 22, 2023

**Insurance Litigation:** Obtained full dismissal of carrier's Rule 202 petition to obtain pre-suit discovery in carrier versus carrier dispute over underlying commercial auto policy.

**Insurance Litigation:** Successfully moved to strike opposing causation expert in multi-million dollar Hurricane Harvey commercial property insurance dispute pending in federal court.

**Insurance Litigation:** Obtained summary judgment of purported additional insured's extra-contractual claims and claims for attorney's fees in environmental pollution coverage case for environmental liability insurer.

**Insurance Litigation:** Obtained favorable opinion from court of appeals for commercial liability insurer denying class action certification in toxic tort case.

**Insurance Litigation:** Obtained favorable opinion from court of appeals for commercial property insurer denying insured mandamus relief challenging order compelling discovery of insured's prior, identical claims for hail damage made to former property insurer.

## Published Work and Lectures

- Texas Association of Defense Counsel Bi-Annual Report, Co-Author, "Insurance Law Update," Fall 2022
- State Bar of Texas Insurance Law Seminar, Author, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: What Is and What is Not an Effective Stowers Demand," July 2018

## Affiliations

- Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Young Lawyer Subcommittee, Member

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in Texas for Insurance Law and Commercial Litigation as "One to Watch"
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2024, Listed in Texas as a "Rising Star" for Insurance Coverage