

Amy Tomlinson

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SENIOR ASSOCIATE | HUGHES, WATTERS & ASKANASE, L.L.P.

Ms. Tomlinson has been admitted to the following practices and courts: State of Texas; and United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hughes, Watters & Askanase, L.L.P., Houston, TX	12/2025 - Present
<i>Senior Associate</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manage all phases of complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts, including initial case assessment, responsive pleadings, and trial preparation.Negotiate settlements through direct negotiation and formal mediation to minimize client exposure and litigation costs.Author persuasive legal documents, such as trial briefs, appellate briefs, and mediation statements, to achieve favorable outcomes for a broad client base.Represent clients in high-stakes oral arguments, evidentiary hearings, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) proceedings.	
Liskow and Lewis, Houston, TX	3/2022 – 6/2025
<i>Senior Associate</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provided in-house counsel with recommendations and advice on high-stakes litigation. Worked with a team to develop case strategies and settlement recommendations for complex disputes related to the energy and maritime sectors.Synthesized legal information to facilitate informed decision-making and clear understanding of legal processes.Provided comprehensive support to partners in various aspects of energy litigation, encompassing legal research, document drafting, strategic planning, participation in hearings and depositions, as well as preparing for trial.Coordinated joint-defense efforts and facilitated legal strategies aligned with shared interests in energy-related litigation.	
Allstate Insurance Company, Houston, TX	4/2020 – 4/2022
<i>TX Senior Trial Attorney</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Defended personal injury claims on behalf of insured individuals and insurance carriers in Harris, Brazoria, Chambers, Jefferson, and Galveston counties.Prioritized competing deadlines to maintain a caseload of more than 150 automobile accident cases.Aligned litigation practice with the strategic goals of stakeholders and business partners, and ensured legal actions supported overall business objectives.Tried 6 civil cases to jury verdict; settled over 50 cases; conducted and defended more than 50 depositions; attended more than 30 mediations.	
Fort Bend District Attorney's Office, Richmond, TX	2/2019 – 4/2020
<i>TX Assistant District Attorney</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed a felony district court docket of over 20 felony cases; coordinated plea negotiations; tried 3 cases to verdict.Worked collaboratively with local law enforcement and resource agencies.Prepared legal documents, interviewed witnesses, victims, and other parties.Participated in Drug Court to help with rehabilitative efforts related to substance abuse.	
Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, Beaumont, TX	1/2018 – 2/2019
<i>Associate Attorney</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed a felony district court docket of over 100 felony cases; coordinated plea negotiations; tried 15 cases to verdict.Worked in a team environment to ensure that all cases were resolved in the interests of justice.Argued contested motions to the bench; interacted with the criminal defense bar to resolve cases to balance rehabilitation with punishment.	
The Law Office of Amy Tomlinson, Houston, TX	5/2014 – 12/2017

Principal and Managing Attorney

- Served multiple counties as a full-service litigation practice; contracted with other firms and organizations to manage caseloads. Tried 4 cases to verdict.
- Wrote memoranda, briefs, motions, and other court documents advocating on behalf of clients.
- Negotiated on behalf of clients to resolve cases including discovery, depositions and motions practice.

EDUCATION

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law , Houston, TX	5/2013
<i>Juris Doctorate</i>	
Nova Southeastern University , Fort Lauderdale, FL	11/2008
<i>Master of Business Administration</i>	
Florida State University , Tallahassee, FL	12/2006
<i>Bachelor of Science in Business/Marketing</i>	

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Houston Bar Association (“HBA”); DEI Committee Co-chair 2024-2025, Member
Down Town Group, Executive Director 2024, Treasurer (Past), Deputy Director (Past)
Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2024
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Fellow, 2023
Young Lawyers Roundtable, 11th ITA-IEL-ICC Joint Conference on International Energy Arbitration-Chair, 2023
American Bar Association – First Generation Lawyer Committee
Texas State Bar – Legal Services for the Poor State Bar, Committee Member
Houston Lawyers Association; Member
Institute for Energy Law- Membership Chair and Member, Leadership Class 2023
State Bar of Texas, Leadership SBOT Class of 2016
American Inns of Court – Michelle F. Mehaffy Chapter

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“EJ Evolution: EPA Issues Draft Revision of Technical Guidance for Assessing Environmental Justice in Regulatory Analysis” Liskow’s The Energy Law Blog, November 22, 2023.
“EJ Evolution: Proposed NEPA Regulations Spotlight Environmental Justice” Liskow’s The Energy Law Blog, August 4, 2023.
“Louisiana and Texas Challenge CEQ’s Finalized NEPA Amendments,” Liskow’s The Energy Law Blog, May 23, 2024.
“Creating a Culture of inClusion in your Clique,” Liskow’s Energy Law Seminar, October 26, 2023, Houston, TX.

INTERNSHIPS

Roxell Richards and Associates , Houston, TX	8/2010 – 5/2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed, drafted and negotiated various contracts, demand packets, and entity formation documents.	

- Provided support to full-service plaintiff's firm. Delegated tasks to paralegals and other staff in accordance with workload.

Texas Southern University – Office of General Counsel, Houston, TX

Spring 2012 to Fall 2013

- Assisted General Counsel and staff with pending legal issues by advising on status of legal matters. Researched relevant laws to ensure compliance by university faculty and staff.
- Reviewed communications with outside counsel, EEOC, and Attorney General's Office to ensure compliance with deadlines and requests.

Office of Congressman Al Green, Washington, DC

Summer 2012

- Drafted written synopses of pending and current legislative matters.
- Attended Congressional hearings to listen to witness testimony and opinions on pending matters and subsequently drafting summaries for senior level staff in relation to findings.

PRO BONO WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- CASA: Guardian Ad Litem
- Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church: Children's Church, Wills Ministry, and Women's Guild
- Precious Moment's Learning Center, Tutor and Volunteer