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Vanessa's practice focuses on civil litigation matters, with an emphasis on insurance defense and commercial disputes. She represents individual and corporate clients in a wide variety of subject matters, including personal injury defense, premises liability, professional liability, business disputes, and breach of contract. Vanessa is committed to understanding and meeting her clients' needs and works tirelessly to advocate for them at every stage of the litigation process. Whether she is handling a pre-suit investigation or an appeal or original proceeding in an appellate court, Vanessa strives to strategically and effectively find the best solutions for her clients.

While in law school, Vanessa gained valuable insight into federal courts by serving as a judicial intern for the Honorable Marina Garcia Marmolejo in the Southern District of Texas, and as a legal intern for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas. She also contributed to the *St. Mary's Law Journal* as a staff writer, worked as her evidence professor's research assistant, and participated as a member of the St. Mary's External Advocacy Program Moot Court team, earning recognitions for her written advocacy skills at state and national competitions.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS:

- Drafted successful response brief in permissive review action where opposing party sought interlocutory review of trial court's order granting defendant's motion for summary judgment as to liability in contractual indemnity dispute arising from oilfield personal injury accident. Intermediate appellate court denied opposing party's request for immediate review. Opposing party subsequently sought review by the Texas Supreme Court, which was denied.
- Drafted successful response briefs in mandamus action before intermediate appellate court, and, subsequently, Texas Supreme Court, wherein opposing party sought review of order denying motion for summary judgment based on interpretation of state statute.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Vanessa was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2017. In addition to Texas state courts, she is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

EDUCATION:

Vanessa earned her J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law in 2017. She graduated *magna cum laude* from St. Edward's University in 2010, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing.

MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE:

San Antonio Bar Association

San Antonio Young Lawyers Association

Bexar County Women's Bar Association & Foundation

FAMILY:

Vanessa enjoys spending time with her fiancé Lincoln and their two dogs Charlie and Bowie.

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