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Credentials

- The University of Texas School of Law
J.D., *with high honors*
Chancellors, *Chancellor-at-Large*
Order of the Coif
Featured Content Editor, *Texas Law Review*
- Texas A&M University
B.A., *summa cum laude*
English Literature, Minors in Classics (Latin) & Psychology
- Law Clerk to the
Hon. Sim Lake
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- Admitted to Practice:
Texas
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
U.S. Federal Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit

Shannon represents clients in complex commercial and energy litigation matters, with trial and appellate experience in state and federal courts.

Shannon has been involved in high-stakes cases involving contract disputes, trade secret claims, legal malpractice defense, antitrust litigation, matters concerning fiduciary duties, and general tort claims. While her experience spans diverse industries, she particularly emphasizes disputes in the upstream and midstream oil and gas sectors. Shannon has been on trial teams that have successfully tried cases to verdict, including a three-week trade secret trial that resulted in a complete defense verdict later affirmed on appeal.

Prior to joining Yetter Coleman, Shannon practiced at Gibbs & Bruns LLP in Houston. She previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Sim Lake of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Experience

- Part of trial team that secured a complete defense verdict in a \$40 million trade secrets case, affirmed on appeal
- Part of trial team that obtained an eight-figure monetary award in an international arbitration involving a natural gas supply contract
- Represented Am Law 100 law firm in confidential arbitration involving legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty claims
- Represented oil and gas operators in complex royalty disputes and class action litigation

Professional Honors & Affiliations

- "Lawdragon 500 X – The NextGeneration," *Lawdragon*, 2024
- "Ones to Watch" in Commercial Litigation, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2024-2025
- Member: Houston Bar Association