

Attorney at Law

More than 20 years of experience as a civil litigator handling insurance defense and commercial law cases. Licensed in State and Federal Court.

- Handled a wide variety of cases including first party insurance, premises liability, automobile and truck accidents, medical malpractice, wrongful death, DTPA, oilfield injuries, employment claims, products, business disparagement and construction defect
- Tried over 60 cases to jury verdict in a variety of jurisdictions
- Participated in over 200 mediations
- Conducted over 1000 depositions
- Member of the Cameron and Hidalgo County Bar Associations

Professional Experience

Lindow Stephens Treat San Antonio/McAllen, TX, May 2015 – October 2017

- Contract Attorney handling litigation primarily in the Rio Grande Valley
- First and third-party Insurance Defense matters including hail and storm cases

Sanchez, Whittington, Wood & Dijkman, LLC Brownsville, TX, Feb 2013 – May 2015

- President of Christiana Dijkman, P.C., Member
- Commercial litigation, breach of contract, consumer, employment, and family law matters

Phillips & Akers – Shareholder Houston, TX, Jan 1995 – Feb 2013

- Managed and handled an extensive docket of insurance defense cases
- Handled commercial litigation and employment matters for business clients
- Managed the firm's Rio Grande Valley office for over 15 years

Hirsch Robinson Sheiness & Glover – Associate Brownsville, TX, March 1994 – Jan 1995

Union Pacific Railroad Law Department Houston, TX, Nov 1992 – Oct 1993

Education

JD, Magna cum Laude - University of Houston College of Law - May 1992

Order of the Coif, Order of the Barons, Am Jur Award for Property, Contracts and Commercial Transactions

BA History and Anthropology - Texas A&M University - August 1987

Personal

Born in The Hague, Netherlands. Fluent in Dutch and German. Hobbies include scuba diving, running, yoga, and surfing.

References available upon request.