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OVERVIEW

As a litigator, Chalon brings clear-eyed objectivity to clients' cases and works hard to get to the right results.

Representing clients across industries before state and federal courts and on appeal, Chalon produces powerfully persuasive briefs based on strong research and writing skills, and presents well-balanced, reasoned arguments to judges and juries. Whether dealing with finance, corporate or employment matters, clients benefit from her strong advocacy and nuanced strategies. Clients turn to Chalon for counsel and strategic defense on issues of:

- Contract disputes (healthcare transactions, real property, vendors, employment)
- Commercial lease disputes
- Contract and lease risk mitigation
- Construction

“We are deeply grateful for your dedication and hard work...I truly appreciate your enthusiasm and tenacity through this process, even more so as you continued to persevere without fail as you experienced contractions during final arguments.”

— John Leshinski, Raymond Corp.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Commercial Litigation
Financial Services Litigation
Insurance
Labor & Employment
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

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- Products liability
- Life insurance claims and disputes
- Collection-related matters
- Foreclosures
- Fraud
- Banking
- Partnership
- Real property
- Mortgage and commercial lending
- Brokerage/securities

Chalon also represents clients in employment-related lawsuits, including claims related to discrimination, noncompete matters and theft of trade secrets.

Chalon serves on the firm's Governance & Nominating Committee.

Experience

- Secured \$1.45 million jury verdict in accounting malpractice case claiming negligent misrepresentation on financial statements; affirmed on appeal.
- Avoided \$7.5 million claim and class action certification, winning motion for summary judgment in federal court in case alleging tortious interference and violations of the Texas Optometry Act. The result was a take-nothing judgment for plaintiff.
- Avoided \$2.3 million jury verdict on breach of fiduciary duty claim in partnership dispute.
- Disposed of more than 200 mortgage defense cases via summary judgment, including award of attorney fees, based on wrongful foreclosure, fraud and breach of contract.
- Avoided \$15 million product liability claim in jury trial resulting in a take-nothing judgment for plaintiff.

Experience

- Avoided \$15 million product defect claim in jury trial resulting in a take-nothing judgment for plaintiff.
- Obtained favorable jury verdict for international manufacturing client and avoided \$14 million claim in product liability matter including failure to warn and defective product design.
- Achieved victory at Texas Supreme Court for staffing company against temporary workers' claims that they did not electronically execute an arbitration agreement despite comprehensive evidence of the staffing company's onboarding system. The ruling is meaningful for all companies doing business in Texas holding that a claimant's simple denial that they did not electronically execute an agreement is insufficient.

Recognition

- BL Rankings' *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Commercial Litigation, 2023-2026
- CORE 100 Women of Impact & Influence, 2024
- *Lawyers of Color*, Wonderful Women, 2023
- National Diversity Council, 100 Most Influential African American Lawyers, 2022
- National Diversity Council, 100 Most Influential African American Leaders in Business, 2022
- Dallas Business Journal, Texas 100, 2022
- *Savoy Magazine*, Most Influential Black Lawyer, 2022
- Dallas Business Journal, Women in Business Award, 2021
- Lawyers of Color, Nation's Best, 2020
- Dallas Business Journal, Minority Business Leader, 2019
- *D Magazine*, Best Lawyers in Dallas, 2018-2020; Best Lawyers Under 40, 2018-2019
- Women Empowered to Lead, 2018 (Inaugural Class)
- Presidential Citation, Dallas Bar Association, 2018
- *Who's Who in Black Dallas*, 2017, 2019
- National Diversity Council, Top 50 Women Lawyers, 2019
- National Diversity Council, Top 50 Multicultural Lawyers in Dallas, 2017
- *The Network Journal*, Forty Under 40, 2017
- Thomson Reuters' *Texas Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2019-2024; Rising Star, 2014-2016
- Thomson Reuters' Super Lawyers, Top Women Attorneys in Texas, 2020-2022
- *Lawyers of Color*, Hot List, 2013

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- State Bar of Texas, Leadership Class, 2012-2013
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Leadership Class, 2012-2013

Education

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law
 - *The Review of Litigation*
 - *Texas Journal of Women and the Law*, Articles Editor
 - Recipient of the Presidential Scholarship in Law; Texas Leaders Scholarship; and Marion Boner Scholarship
- B.B.A., University of Houston
 - Finance
 - *cum laude*

Admissions

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

Clerkship

The Hon. Jerry Buchmeyer, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Community Leadership

- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentor, 2009-2012
- Big Thought, Host Committee, Fair Park Live Presenter, 2012, 2013, 2017
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation, Fellow, Scholarship Committee, 2017-present
- Dallas Bar Foundation, Fellow; Bar None Show, Cast Member
- KERA, Board of Directors
- Delta Sigma Theta public service sorority, 2000-2018



Texas Bar Foundation Fellow