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BIOGRAPHY

Krystin Frazier-Santiago is an associate in the energy/environmental law section in our New Orleans office and represents clients in oil, gas and energy litigation and transactions. She represents both oil and gas exploration companies, as well as land owners in various matters, including claims and disputes, environmental litigation, commercial litigation, and environmental regulatory work. Ms. Frazier-Santiago also has considerable experience in cases involving breach of contract, premise liability, products liability, toxic torts, and business disputes.

Prior to joining Kelly Hart, Ms. Frazier-Santiago worked for Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy law firm where she represented clients in toxic torts, asbestos, and environmental litigation. Additionally, she was the responsible attorney for oilfield legacy litigation by landowners and public entities alleging environmental damage from oil exploration and production in New Orleans and Jackson, Mississippi. Previously, Ms. Frazier-Santiago was an attorney with King, Krebs & Jurgens, PLLC where she defended clients in oilfield litigation and environmental regulatory matters, as well as commercial litigation and business disputes. Ms. Frazier-Santiago graduated in 2007, from Grambling State University, *summa cum laude* and valedictorian, with a B.A. in Mass Communication. She earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Southern University Law Center in 2011, where she served as Editor of the *Southern University Law Review* and Executive Editor of the *Public Defender* newspaper. Ms. Frazier-Santiago is an active member of the Louisiana State Bar and serves on the Board of Directors for Women's Energy Network.

EXPERIENCE AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Defended clients in oilfield legacy litigation; and environmental regulatory matters
- Successfully obtained two million dollar summary judgement from federal court on behalf of corporate client in breach of contract action
- Assisted clients in the redevelopment and remediation of contaminated properties, hazardous waste cleanup, environmental permitting, land use, real estate transactions, environmental issues, and underground storage tank issues
- Represented clients in toxic tort, asbestos, and environmental litigation
- Negotiated favorable settlement for client in tax sale redemption case

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

- Louisiana Super Lawyers Rising Star, Thomson Reuters, 2020

- Women's Energy Network, New Orleans Program Director
- Gambit 40 Under 40 Award Winner, 2016

EDUCATION

- Southern University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*, 2011
Southern University Law Review, Editor
Public Defender newspaper, Executive Editor
- Grambling State University, B.A., *summa cum laude* and valedictorian, 2007
Earl Lester Cole Honors College
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
- National Institute Trial Advocacy – Trial Skills

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Louisiana, 2011
- State Bar of Texas, 2017
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

- “Highlighting How New Case Law Development and the Amended Rules of Civil Procedure Have Fine Tuned the Duty to Preserve,” DRI In-House Defense Quarterly, Summer, 2016