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PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Liability
- Products Liability
- Insurance
- Labor & Employment

ADMITTED TO BAR

- 1988, Louisiana
- 1989, U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle & Western Districts of Louisiana
- 1989, U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 1993, U. S. Supreme Court
- 1994, Texas, U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas

EDUCATION

- J.D., 1988, Loyola University, Cum Laude
- B.S., 1983, Louisiana State University

MEMBERSHIPS

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- Loyola Law Alumni Association Board. 2007-18 | Member, 2017-18 | President
- Loyola University 2019-22 | Alumni Board Member
- Federal Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association

HONORS & ACCOLADES

- Loyola Law Review, Comment Editor, '87-88
- National Moot Court Team, 1986 & 1987,
- Top Oral Advocate in Region, 1987
- Teaching Assistant, Moot Court Course 1987-88
- Research Assistant, Prof. Michael Vitiello, 1986-88
- Distinguished Service Award, Loyola Law Alumni, 2018

Leila D'Aquin is Special Counsel with Leake Andersson and has practiced and taught law for 35 years. A native New Orleanian, she earned her B.S. in Finance from LSU in 1983 and worked as a Financial Analyst at a major Louisiana bank prior to attending law school. As a law student at Loyola, she served as Comment Editor of the Loyola Law Review and was named Best Oral Advocate in the Regional Round of the 1987 National Moot Court Competition. Following graduation in 1988, she was a commercial litigation associate, first with the Montgomery Barnett firm in New Orleans and then with Haynes and Boone in Dallas, Texas.

While practicing with those firms, she served as an adjunct faculty member at Loyola, teaching appellate Moot Court; was on the trial advocacy faculty at the Tulane, LSU, and Emory law schools; became a frequent team leader and faculty member for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy; and was for several years a director of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy. In 2001, she joined the faculty at the University of Wyoming College of Law, where she taught Federal Courts, Trial Practice, and Civil Procedure, coached the trial and appellate moot court teams, and organized university seminars and interfaith workshops on the death penalty.

In 2006, Leila returned to New Orleans, serving as Senior Counsel in the Litigation section of Entergy's Legal Department until 2009 and then as Counsel with a large New Orleans firm, focusing her trial and appellate practice on commercial, product liability, pharmaceutical, medical device, and casualty cases. Her trial experience includes contract disputes; director and officer liability; appraisal, notarial, and medical malpractice; insurance coverage; securities fraud; ERISA; civil rights; product liability; and drug and device cases. She has tried cases before judges and juries in Louisiana and Texas and has appeared before courts in California, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oregon, and Wyoming. Leila has significant appellate experience, having handled writ applications and appeals in Louisiana and Texas state circuit courts, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Texas, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.