



Karen A. Lynn

Associate

Bar admissions: Alabama, 2011
Tennessee, 2021
Texas, 1985

Practice Areas

- Municipal and county government law
- Real estate law
- Public housing law
- Employment law
- Workers' compensation
- Utilities law
- Education law
- Constitutional and civil rights litigation
- Municipal, county, and public employee litigation
- General civil litigation

Profile

Ms. Lynn has litigated numerous tort, workers' compensation, and other claims on behalf of Alabama cities, towns, and municipalities, as well as housing authorities utility boards, school boards, and businesses. She has assisted with cases involving police car chases, wrongful arrest, and homicides in public buildings. In addition, she has defended cities against flood claims and charges submitted to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Over the past 2 years, she has handled over 65 eviction cases and has succeeded in numerous eviction trials in both the Madison and Morgan County courts. She is the city prosecuting attorney for Priceville and Gurley, Alabama. In this capacity, she has handled numerous trials involving driving under the influence and other misdemeanors before the Priceville and Gurley Municipal Courts as well as before Madison and Morgan County Circuit Courts when municipal-court convictions have been appealed for a trial de novo. She has also assisted the city prosecutor for the City of Madison in similar types of cases when they have been appealed to Madison County Circuit Court.

She regularly advises municipalities, housing authorities, utilities, and non-profit entities on a variety of issues involving real estate, ordinances, employment, and contracts. As part of her practice in public housing law, she has handled such legal issues as HUD compliance, tenant screening and eligibility, personnel issues, garnishments, collections, housing policies, unclaimed property, procurement, contracts with outside entities and service providers, public records requests, real estate, and criminal issues.

As an assistant district attorney in Texas, Ms. Lynn participated in over 100 jury trials and has extensive experience with investigations and working with law enforcement and correctional staff.

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Profile (continued)

Ms. Lynn is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Alabama, the U.S. District Courts for the Middle District and Western District of Tennessee, and all state courts for Alabama, Tennessee, and Texas. She is a trained and experienced mediator and served as the executive director of a community mediation organization.

Professional Associations

Alabama Bar Association

Tennessee State Bar

Alabama Association of Municipal Attorneys (AAMA)

Alabama Association of School Board Attorneys (AASBA)

Council of School Attorneys (COSA)

Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association

Texas Bar Association (inactive)

Member, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, 1985–2000

Coastal Bend Women Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, 1989–1991

Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1985

B.F.A., *cum laude*, University of Georgia, 1981

Community Involvement

With a B.F.A. in acting, Ms. Lynn has been performing in the Huntsville area since 2001. Some of her favorite roles have been as Ouiser Boudreaux and M'Lynn Eatonton in *Steel Magnolias* at the Renaissance Theater (RT), Miss Daisy Werthan in *Driving Miss Daisy* (RT), Ronda Lynn Lampley in *Southern Hospitality* at Theater Huntsville, and Cassius in *Julius Caesar* at the Twelfth Night Theater. She has also performed the role of the indomitable Maxine Ledbetter in several variations of the *Perky's* series (RT). Ms. Lynn won a Wings award in 2014 for best lead actress in a non-musical for her portrayal of Ms. Carrie Watts in *The Trip to Bountiful* (RT).

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Other Experience

- Forensic Interview Training Program, National Children’s Advocacy Center, 2003–present.
- Assistant District Attorney, Tarrant County District Attorney, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992–2000.
- Executive Director, Dispute Resolution Services, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1991–1992.
- Mediators Association of South Texas, 1989–1992.
- Litigation associate attorney, Chaves, Gonzales, and Rodriguez, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1988-1991.
- Assistant County Attorney, Nueces County Attorney, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1986–1988.
- Assistant District Attorney, Collin County District Attorney, McKinney, Texas, 1985–1986.

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