



## Samantha Jarvis, *Associate*

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Samantha Jarvis focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, investigations, and white collar criminal defense. Prior to joining Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., Ms. Jarvis clerked for the Honorable Gregg Costa on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 2014-2015.

Ms. Jarvis received her B.A. in English, summa cum laude from The University of Texas-Pan American. She received her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law, with honors and as a member of the Order of the Coif. During law school, Ms. Jarvis served as the Executive Editor of the American Journal of Criminal Law, as well as a research assistant to two criminal law professors and

as a teaching assistant for a first year criminal law class. Ms. Jarvis also represented clients charged with state misdemeanor offenses as a student attorney with the school's Criminal Defense Clinic. Ms. Jarvis twice received the Dean's Achievement Award, given each semester to the outstanding student in each course, chosen from among those with the highest grades, for Criminal Law and for Criminal Procedure: Prosecution. In her third year of law school, Ms. Jarvis was selected as one of four students for a prestigious year-long internship at the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas in Austin.

Prior to law school, Ms. Jarvis worked as a colonias outreach coordinator for the largest legal aid provider in Texas, administering consumer and legal education programs in English and Spanish throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

### EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

#### **The University of Texas-Pan American**

B.A., summa cum laude, English, 2007

#### **The University of Houston**

Post-B.A., Art History, 2010

#### **The University of Texas School of Law**

J.D. *with honors* and Order of the Coif, 2014

#### **Law Clerk**

to the Hon Gregg Costa, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2014-2015

#### **Law Clerk**

Smyser Kaplan & Veselka, L.L.P., 2015 - Present

### ADMISSIONS

State Courts of Texas

United States District Court for the Southern Districts of Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

### ORGANIZATIONS

- Federal Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association Communities in Schools Committee Member
- Hispanic Bar Association of Houston
- The University of Texas Law School Alumni Association
- Houston Young Alumni Steering Committee Member
- Child Advocates – Young Professionals for Children