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DARRELL G-M NOGA IS AN EXPERIENCED TRIAL AND APPELLATE ATTORNEY with over thirty years of experience representing governmental and corporate clients, along with their individual officers and employees. He has successfully litigated a wide variety of cases, with an emphasis on governmental representation, civil rights litigation, employment litigation and labor negotiations. Mr. Noga has persuaded juries of his clients' positions in numerous state and federal courts and has also successfully argued before the Texas Supreme Court and various state and federal courts of appeal.

After obtaining his law degree from Georgetown University in Washington D.C., Darrell began his litigation practice in his hometown of Chicago, Illinois before moving to Texas. Mr. Noga's experience allows him to relate to, and communicate with, people from many different backgrounds, and such experience has been invaluable in his career as a litigator. He has long developed a reputation for approaching his clients' problems as efficiently as possible but also understands that there are times a case must be tried. In those cases Mr. Noga will bring passion and preparation to bear, along with his communication skills developed over the years, to vigorously advocate for his clients.

Mr. Noga has also been privileged to have been selected as panel counsel for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool representing thousands of Texas governmental entities and has served as such for over twenty years.

## EXPERIENCE

- » *Bennett v. Pippin, et al.* Mr. Noga successfully argued deprivation of right to jury trial before U.S. Court of Appeals for Fifth Circuit and obtained reversal of judgment against Archer County and remand.
- » *Edwards v. Mid-Continent Office Distributors, et al.* Mr. Noga won state court bench trial in commercial/business litigation matter.
- » *Jim Sowell Construction Company v. City of Coppell.* Mr. Noga obtained defense verdict for City in federal Fair Housing Act trial.
- » *I.H.S. Cedars Treatment Center of DeSoto, Texas, Inc., et al., v. Ramos, Jr. M.D., et al. v. Jodi Marie Mason, et al.* Mr. Noga argued before the Texas Supreme Court in conjunction with co-defendant's counsel and won case.
- » *Forney Messenger, Inc., et al. v. City of Forney.* Mr. Noga obtained defense verdict for City in federal First Amendment trial.
- » *Jerry R. Brown v. Dinerstein Management, Inc., et al.* Mr. Noga obtained defense verdict for corporate defendant in state court premises liability trial.
- » *Kristen G. Borth v. City of Cedar Hill, Texas.* Mr. Noga obtained defense verdict for City in federal employment discrimination trial.
- » *Taylor v. City of Lancaster, et al.* Mr. Noga obtained defense verdict for City in state court trial on police accident case.

- » *City of Canton v. Zanbaka, USA, LLC.* Mr. Noga argued before Tyler Court of Appeals and obtained reversal of trial court and favorable judgment for City in economic development / contractual immunity case.
- » *Robin v. City of Frisco, et al.* Mr. Noga obtained defense verdict for City in federal employment discrimination / wrongful discharge trial.
- » *LaFlore v. City of Lancaster.* Mr. Noga argued before Dallas Court of Appeals and obtained reversal of trial court and favorable judgment for City in Texas Tort Claims Act case.
- » *Surratt v. City of Sherman, et al.* Mr. Noga obtained summary judgment for City Defendants in police fatality case, upheld on appeal and successfully defeated Petition for review to U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Noga has extensive trial and appellate experience and has obtained numerous summary judgment wins for clients along with numerous dismissals of cases before trial on Pleas to the Jurisdiction.



## ADMISSIONS

- » State Bar of Texas
- » Supreme Court of Texas
- » U.S. Court of Appeals for Fifth Circuit
- » U.S. District Courts for Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- » Illinois Bar (no longer active)



## AFFILIATIONS

- » Dallas Bar Association
- » Defense Research Institute (DRI)



## EDUCATION

Mr. Noga graduated *with Highest Honors* when obtaining both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from DePaul University. He was honored by being selected as the convocation speaker for his graduating class. Mr. Noga later continued to excel academically, earning his law degree from Georgetown University Law, where he argued before the D.C. Court of Appeals as part of the Appellate Litigation Clinic.

- » Georgetown University Law, Washington , D.C., J.D. 1984
  - » Selected for Appellate Litigation Clinic and argued before D.C. Court of Appeals
- » DePaul University, Chicago, IL, M.A. 1981 *with Highest Honors*
  - » Selected Convocation Speaker
- » DePaul University, Chicago, IL, B.A. 1979, *with Highest Honors*



## HONORS

- » *Texas Super Lawyer, Texas Monthly & Super Lawyers (2020)*

Mr. Noga has also been a frequent speaker for a long list of professional organizations.

- » Texas State Bar seminars
- » Acted as Course Director for the Texas State Bar's Seminar on Suing and Defending Governmental Entities.
- » Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool seminars
- » UTA Executive MBA program
- » Has lectured at an area police academy on civil service issues
- » Southwestern Legal Foundation
- » Federal Bar Association
- » Texas City Attorneys' Association
- » Texas Municipal Human Resources Administration
- » As a faculty member of DePaul University and before practicing law, Darrell lectured on World History.

Mr. Noga has also authored a considerable number of articles and publications addressing diverse litigation issues and tactics, employment law topics, ethical issues, collective bargaining, defense of governmental entities, land use and zoning matters and many other legal issues.

- » Recent Developments in Individual Immunities
- » Deposition Techniques
- » Police Hot Pursuit Cases
- » Investigating and Evaluating Sexual Harassment Claims in the Age of #MeToo
- » Accident Review Policies: Help or Hindrance
- » Pleas to the Jurisdiction
- » Defending Police Excessive Force Cases
- » Seven Deadly Sins to Avoid in Collective Bargaining
- » Hot Topics in Damages
- » So You Call Them Junk! Excluding Them, Including Them: The World of Experts
- » Handling a Trio of Management Issues: Reasonable Accommodation, Leave and Return to Work Under Current Law
- » Civil Rights Claims – A Trial Lawyer's Perspective
- » Sovereign Immunity: Bar to Damage Suits Only?
- » Recent Developments in Individual and Collective Rights of Governmental Employees
- » Defending Fair Housing Act Claims and HUD Complaints
- » Land Use Cases: Differences Between Takings and Due Process Claims
- » Handling Texas Claims Involving Governmental Entities
- » Ethical Considerations in Defending Government Entities, Particularly in Employment Cases, Including a Discussion of Spoliation Issues
- » Best Practices in Recruiting and Hiring New Employees

## MORE ABOUT DARRELL G-M NOGA

Darrell was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. His wife Genevieve is also a Chicagoan and they were married in Chicago where their two wonderful sons were born. After moving to Texas, the family added a native Texan in their lovely daughter. Prior to becoming an attorney Darrell had experience as a teacher and coach and worked many service industry jobs through college. Darrell loves the sport of ice hockey and still plays in area leagues.